

Records 1808

May Meeting

Chelmsford, Mass.



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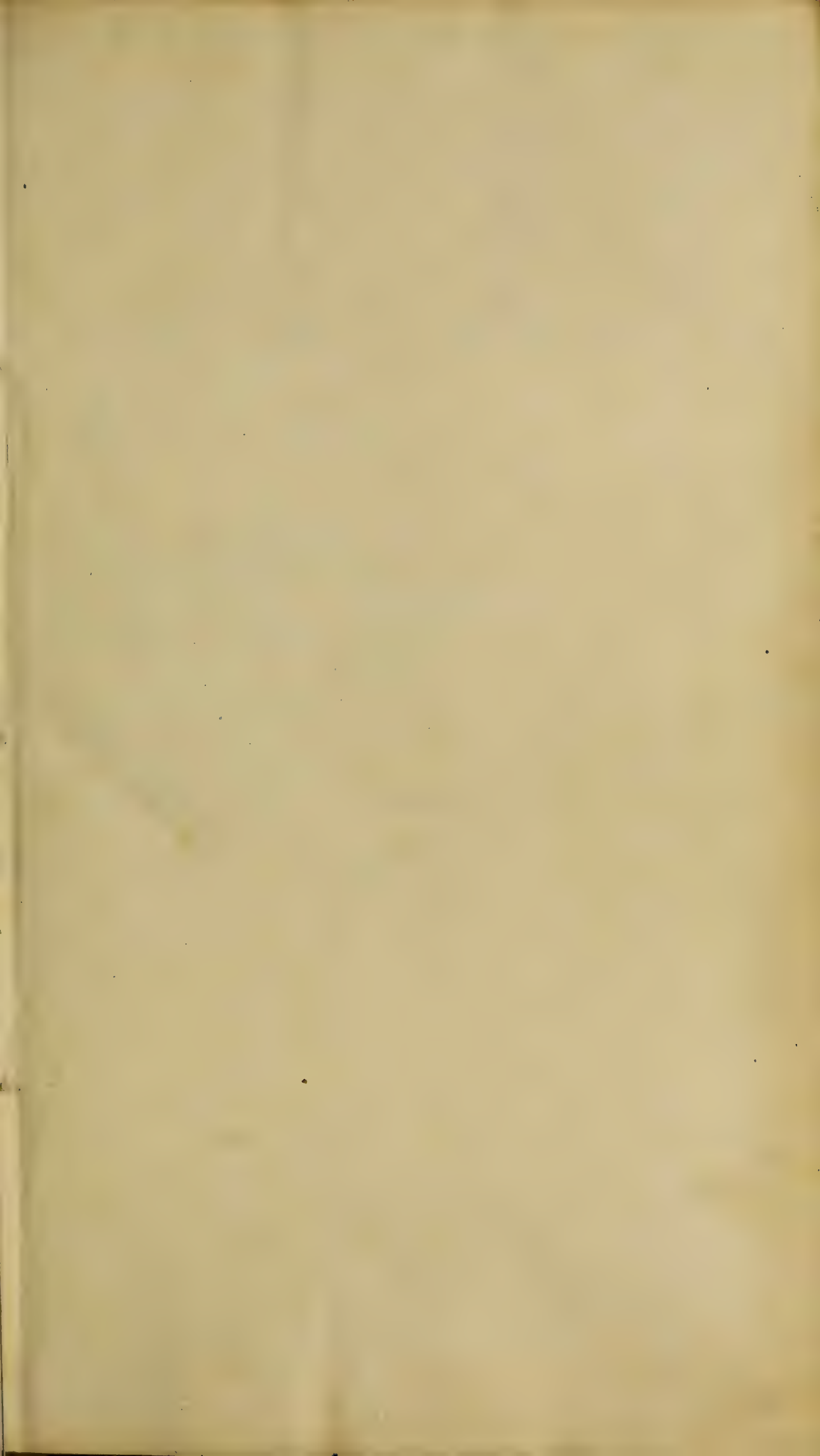
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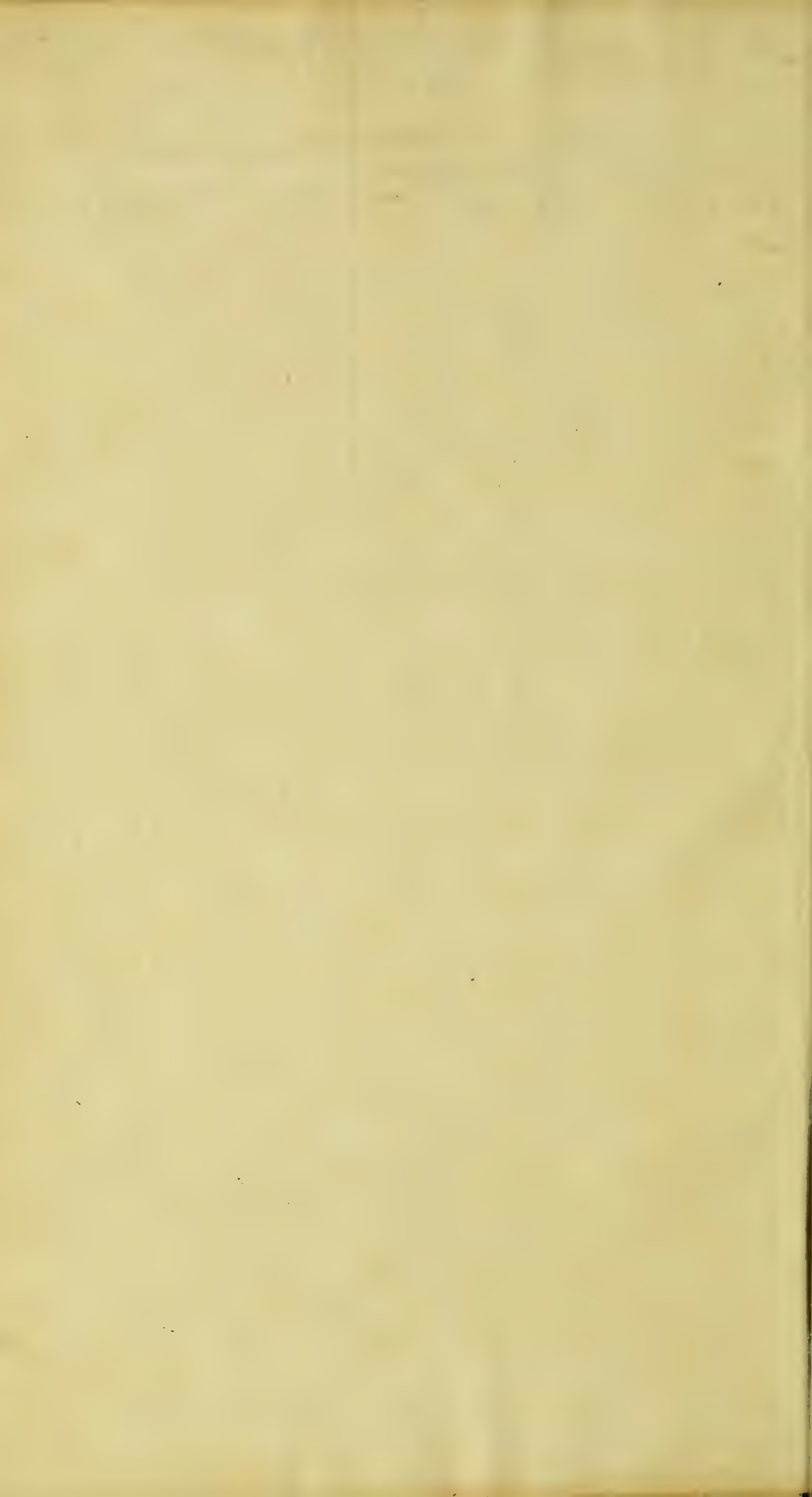
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Middlemsex To the Bygood Worcester one of the Constables of  
the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlemsex  
greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby required forthwith to post up attested copies of this  
warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of the  
town & one at Mr Joel Spaulding's in said town to warn & give  
notice to the freeholder & other inhabitants of said town  
qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
& also by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the  
meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the second day of May next <sup>at two o'clock in the afternoon</sup> to act on the following  
Articles (viz) -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or  
persons to represent them in the General Court of this  
Commonwealth the ensuing year - or act any thing  
thereon that they may think proper -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will take up the articles & answer at April  
meeting to May meeting - & act thereon as they may  
think proper -
- 3<sup>d</sup> At the request of Maj Joseph Fletcher to see if the town will  
accept of a road which has been making & make him  
some compensation therefor - or act any thing thereon  
that they may think proper -

Hereof you are to make return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon into the selectmen's hands some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford on said this eighteenth day of  
April A.D. 1808

Edw Gibson	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Sam Chamberlin	
Jos <sup>a</sup> Berham	

Return

Middlemsex Chelmsford April 28<sup>th</sup> 1808

Pursuant to the within warrant I have executed the directions  
therein given by pasting attested copies of the same at the time  
& places & for the use specified

Bygood Worcester	} Constable of Chelmsford



There was an other warrant of the same import directed to the other constable (viz) At William Bridge a copy of which was to be posted up at the baptist meeting house in Cheshamford which was legally returned -

Record by - Sd Gibson Town Clerk -

Cheshamford May 2<sup>d</sup> 1808.

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cheshamford qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives - and also of those qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) -

Voted To have two representatives to represent said Cheshamford in the general court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year -

Voted For Representatives & the votes were for

William Adams	Seventy seven	---	67
Sd Gibson	Seventy	---	70

And they were chosen ---

Voted For Moderator & chose Schabod Gibson

Voted That Ensign Josiah Richardson, Simon Richardson & the widow Lucy Varnum be set off from the school-district N<sup>o</sup> 3 & annexed to district N<sup>o</sup> 6. provided they are willing - Josiah Richardson being present & declared his willingness -

It was then agreed that the collection of the taxes should be set up at tender & struck off to the lowest bidder on the following conditions (viz) - that the collector should produce two good securities in addition to himself to the acceptance of the selectmen - that the collector should collect & pay in unto the several treasurers the whole of his gettable taxes within one year after receiving the tax bills or be intitled to no pay for what remains at that time

Voted That one side of the town be put up at a time  
Voted That the bid be on the pound lawful money in  
pence & farthings -

The south side there was put up & struck off to Ezra  
Hetcher at five pence one farthing on the L.

The north side there was put up & struck off to Ezra  
Hetcher at five pence one farthing on the L.

Voted To dismiss the Wind Artist

Voted To dismiss the meeting -

Attest John Gibson Town Clerk



Middlesex.

To Mr Osgood Worcester one of the Constables of the Town of Cheshamford within the town of Cheshamford within the County of Middlesex - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of the town & one at Mr Joel Spaulding's in said town to warn & give notice to the freeholders & other inhabitants of said qualified to vote for Representatives & also in town affairs to assemble at their meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the seventh day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To give their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen from near Mr Joseph Hetchen's house out to the road near the road near the widow Warrens - or act any thing thereon that they may think proper -
- 3<sup>d</sup> For the town to select suitable persons for jurors to fill the several jury boxes as the law requires -
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will choose a Committee to make their annual settlement with the town treasurer - or act any thing thereon as they may think proper -

Hereof said not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting -

Dated at Cheshamford aforesaid this fourteenth day of October A.D. 1808.

Josh Gibson  
Aaron Chamberlain Junr  
John Perham

Selectmen  
of  
Cheshamford

For the action look over





Cheshmford November 7<sup>th</sup> 1808

In legal town meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Cheshmford on the abovesaid day qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives

They gave in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the U States for the Middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & the votes were

For Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph B Verram Esq<sup>r</sup> County nine  
79

For Abraham Bigelow Esq<sup>r</sup> Sixty nine  
69

The town meeting being opened to act on town affairs. the

Voted For Moderator & chose Ich<sup>d</sup> Gibson

Voted To dispence with the reading of the warrants & proceed to business - the warrants having been read previous to the choice of Representative

Voted To continue the second article to the next town meeting -

Voted To accept the selection of the jurors as offered on the lists presented by the Selectmen -

Voted To chuse a committee to make the annual settlement with the town treasurer -

Voted That said committee consist of two

Voted For said committee & chose Asa<sup>l</sup> Stearns Esq<sup>r</sup> & Capt Josiah Fletcher

Voted To dismiss the meeting

The meeting was accordingly dismissed

Moved by ~ Ich<sup>d</sup> Gibson Town Clerk



Middleburgh

To Mr. David Worcester one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested copies  
of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle  
of the town & one at Mr. J. L. Spaulding's in said town  
to warn & give notice to His freeholders & other inhab-  
itants of said town qualified by law to vote in town  
affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the  
middle of said town on Monday the fifth day of  
December next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road laid out  
by the selectmen from the top of the hill near Esther  
Farmer's house (so called) to the meeting house -  
or act any thing thereon or retitute thereto that  
they may think proper -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will act on the article adjourned at  
the last meeting to this meeting retitute to a High  
Hetcher's road - or act any thing thereon that they  
may think proper -

Give of fail not a make return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon unto the selectmen some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting

(Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty sixth  
day of November A.D. 1808 -

Attest  
David Gibson  
Clara Chamberlain Jun  
Jona Perham

Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by David Gibson Town Clerk



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The Return on the preceding warrant  
Middlegfx Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1808.

In obedience to the within I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford by pasting up true copies of this warrant at the places within named to assemble at the meeting house on Monday the fifth of December at one o'clock <sup>P.M.</sup> to act on the articles within named

Ersgood Worcester } Constable  
  } of  
  } Chelmsford

There was an other warrant of the same import directed to the other Constable (viz) Adjutant William Wridge which was legally returned - a copy of which was pasted at the Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford -

Chelmsford Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1808.

Illegal town meeting of the inhabitants of Chelmsford on the abovesaid day they proceeded as follows (viz)

- Voted For moderators & chose John Gibson -
- Voted To dispence with the reading of warrants (they having been read in the meeting) & proceed directly to business -
- Voted To dismiss the first article
- Voted To dismiss the second article
- Voted To dismiss the meeting -

Attest John Gibson Town Clerk

Middlesex To the beyond the water one of the  
constables of the town of Chelmsford in the  
County of Middlesex - Greeting -

In the name of the Governor in Council of New-  
Hampshire you are hereby required forthwith to post  
up a correct copy of this warrant one at the  
meeting house in the middle of the town & one  
at Joseph Spaulding's in said town to warn  
& give notice to the freeholders & other inhabi-  
tants of said town qualified by law to vote in  
town affairs to assemble at the meeting house  
in the middle of said town on Monday the  
twenty-sixth instant at two o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles -

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road laid out  
by the selectmen from near the foot of crossbridge  
hill (so called) out to the common near Col. Bridges  
store - or act any thing thereon or refuse thereof  
that they may think proper

2<sup>d</sup> At the request of Henry Spaulding to see if the  
town are willing that Simon Spaulding  
should keep the school in district 803 or act  
any thing thereon that they may think proper.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting  
(Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twelfth  
day of December A.D. 1808)

John Gibson  
Taran Chamberlain  
John Perkins  
Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford



Return to the preceding 15  
warrant

Middlebury Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1838

In obedience to the within I have notified the freeholders  
& other inhabitants of said Cheshmford by posting up  
attested copies of this warrant at the place within  
named to assemble at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town on Monday the twenty sixth  
instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
within named articles

Osgood Worcester (Constable of  
Cheshmford)

There was an other warrant of the same import  
directed to the other constable (viz) W<sup>m</sup> William Pringle  
an attested copy of which was to be posted at the Capt's  
meeting house - which was legally returned

Recorded by S<sup>t</sup> Gibson Town Clerk

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Cheshmford Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848

In legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Cheshmford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

- Voted For moderator & chose Aaron Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Voted For a clerk pro tempore & chose William Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> - who was according sworn the faithful & impartial discharge of the duties of that office  
 Voted To accept the road or laid out by the Selectmen bounded by a stone & stones on both of the better summer house so called thence southerly on a straight line to within four feet of the westerly side of Ebene<sup>r</sup> Bridges' stone and to the common said road lying on the west side of said bounds & to be three rods wide  
 Voted To dismiss the second Article  
 Voted To dismiss the meeting

Attest William Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk pro tem

Chelmsford Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1808

Pursuant to a petition of Benjamin Parbury  
& others. We the Subscribers have this day viewed  
& laid out a road as follows (viz) beginning at the  
foot of the hill north of the latter Farmer's house  
(so called) at a stone & stones by William Fletcher's  
fence, thence running easterly within about  
four or five paces of the west-end of William  
Fletcher's barn on a straight line within four feet  
of the westerly side of Col Bridges's stone and to the  
common said road to be on the west side of  
said bounds & to be three rods wide

Ararold Chamberlin Jun<sup>r</sup> Election  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Perham } of  
Chelmsford



March meeting 19 for 1839

(1) Resolved by the select men of the  
town of Chatham in the  
county of Middlesex. Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required with to put up  
all the copies of this warrant in the  
meeting house in the middle of the town  
on the 1st of March in the town to warn  
you to appear to the freeholders & selectmen  
of said town qualified by law to act on town  
affairs to assemble at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town on meeting the sixth  
day of March next at 10 o'clock in the  
forenoon to act on the following articles viz  
1st To make choice of all town officers that the  
law requires

2d To give such sums of money as the town may  
think necessary for the support of the public  
schools and all other necessary  
charges in said town the ensuing year past there  
on as they may think proper

3d To see in what way and manner the school  
shall be kept in said town the ensuing year  
past there on as they may think proper

4th To see in what way and manner the road  
& bridge shall be repaired in said town the  
ensuing year past there on as they may think  
proper

5th To see if the town will let the swine-rod at  
large or not & at the same as they may think  
proper



6thly At the request of Joseph French Minister to see if the town will provide school about 1832 or act any thing there on that they may think proper.

7thly At the request of Joseph French Minister to see if the town will provide a suitable place to bury the dead in the north part of the town or act any thing there on as they may think proper.

8thly At the request of Joseph Warner to see if the town will widen the road near Jonathan's buildings or act any thing there on that they may think proper.

9thly to see if the town will take William Blawie to serve short out of taxes or act any thing there on as they may think proper.

Here I fail not to make <sup>return</sup> of this warrant with your doings there or unless the select men some time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Dated at Chelmsford this twentieth day of February A.D. 1809

Saron Chamberlain J. Clerk

Sonia Peshon

of Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrant

March 6th 1809

Middlesex in obedience to the within I have notified the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford by putting up two copies of this warrant at the places with in mentioned Ward Wode as a copy

There was another warrant of the same import  
 sent to the other constable (viz) at Williams  
 Bridge and attached copy of which was to be  
 posted up at the Baptist meeting house  
 which was legally returned

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins  
 Town Clerk



Chelmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

In legal town meeting of the Inhabitance  
of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day  
they proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted for moderator and chose William Adams Esq

Voted for town clerk and chose Zora Perkins  
who was sworn according to law  
drawn for jurors Cap<sup>t</sup> Harehams Mr. J. W. Allen (Forbesham Henry)

Voted to chose three select men

Voted for select men and chose Zora Perkins

Leid Gibson and Col. Anna Whitney

Voted for town treasurer and chose Jonathan Manning

Voted for Constable for the northern ward and chose

Jonathan Fletcher and chose

Voted for constable for the southern ward Ebenezer Parker

Voted to chose four fish wards

Voted for fish wards and chose Samuel Perkins James

Turner Oliver Blood John Pitt

Voted to passover the other matters to the ninth article

til the first Monday in April

acted on the ninth article and

Voted to chose a committee to look in to Levy Court

and William Blawells case

Voted said committee should consist of four

voted for said committee and chose Asahel

Stearns Esq and Zora Perkins

Voted said committee should sit discretionary

on the matter

made to a justice of the peace at the first  
monday in April at nine o'clock  
in the morning

Chelmsford March 6<sup>th</sup> 1809

The following names persons were on the above  
said day in legal town meeting appointed to  
be said officers set against these names & have  
appeared and taken the oath that the law requires

Jonathan Richman

town clerk

March  
April 4

Jonathan Richman

Amos Walney

Justices  
or  
Selectmen

March  
13<sup>th</sup>

Jonathan Manning

Elinor Parker

(Treasurer)

Constable

John Pitt Oliver blood Farmer

High  
Wardens

Middlesex 15 March 11<sup>th</sup> 1809

personally appeared Mr Jonathan Richman before  
me the undersigned on his day and was duly sworn  
as Constable for the town of Chelmsford and the same  
indwelling and until another shall be chosen  
and sworn in his stead

Isaac Stearns Just Peace

The above was recorded

Jonathan Richman town clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss Chelmsford March 16. 1809 Jonathan Perkins  
& Amos Whitman selectmen of the town of Chelmsford  
personally appeared & <sup>made</sup> oath that they would, faithfully  
and impartially discharge the duties of their office  
respecting all elections & the returns thereof

Before me Ebenezer Bridge Justice of the peace

Middlesex ss April 10th 1809

This may certify that Mr Samuel L. Hodd  
was this Day Truly Sworn as a Surveyor of lumber  
& measure of wood within the town of Chelmsford  
for the year ensuing

Before me

Abel Stearns Just Peace

Middlesex ss Chelmsford May 24th 1809

Abijah Shalding was sworn to the faithful  
& impartial discharge of the duties of an assessor  
& of a selectman for the year ensuing

Before Ebenezer Bridge Justice of the peace

## March Meeting for 1860

was adjourned to April 30 - 1860 at nine o'clock. In  
the inhabitants being legally assembled proceeded  
as follows (viz)

Voted To choose a school committee

Voted To choose nine school committee men

Voted for school committee and chose for doctrs.  
No 1 Henry Fletcher No 2 Micah S. Falding  
No 3 Joel Parkhurst No 4 Joseph Cham-  
berlin No 5 Sathiel Adams No 6 Capt  
John Shud No 7 Mat. Moore No 8 John  
Farrer No 9 Jacob Hilder.

Voted for a Lything man and chose Biny  
Bram and Simon Bryan

Voted for highway surveyors & chose S. balon  
Parker Azariah Proctor Bradley  
For men - Simon Richardson Lura  
Mander Jonathan Parker B. Moses Hale  
Joseph Mansfield Simon Blegit  
and E. C. Proctor.

Voted for fence viewers and chose Simon  
Parker Capt John Butterfield and  
Lieut. Silas Fitch

Voted for field drivers and chose Levey  
Pepitor and Capt. Lucius Wright.

Voted for surveyors of timber and chose  
Levy Asah Parkhurst Jonathan Pitten  
Moses Hale Samuel C. Wood and Capt  
Samuel Stevens.

Voted for surveyors of wood & chose Capt.  
Samuel Stevens Samuel C. Wood and  
Jacob Hilder.



- Voted To choose three in addition; and chose Amos Brewster Joseph Warren and Nathan Tyler
- Voted For hay-reavers and chose John Harwood Capt James Pitts Samuel Perham Asa Barker Eli Parker Ebenezer Shea Josiah Benson Silas Hear
- Voted For pound-keeper and chose William B. Fletcher.
- Voted For weighers of hay & chose Lieut. Phineas Whiting William Adams Jr. Jonas Pierce Jr. & En. Eliza Ford.
- Voted For inspectors of wine & chose William Parker & Simon Byam.
- Voted To pass over the choice of collectors till next meeting.
- Voted To raise six hundred dollars for the support of Gospel ministry \$600.
- It was motioned that there should be one thousand dollars raised for the support of schools for the year ensuing which motion was not agreed.
- Voted To raise eight hundred dollars for the support of the schools - \$800.
- Voted To raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing \$1200.
- Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair the high ways & bridges the year ensuing.
- Voted That the price of labour be the same that it was last year.
- Voted That the schools be kept in the same way and manner that they were last year.

Voted that the lock, weirs and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner that they were last year.

Voted to adjourn the meeting till after April meeting was over.

Next meeting <sup>assignment</sup> brought forward according to the above vote.

Voted that the fish way tax be made by the last years invoice.

Voted that the remainder of the Turnpike and marsh meeting warrant be adjourned till next meeting.

Resolved by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk





# Settlement with the town Treas- urer for the year 1868

The committee appointed to settle with  
H. Jonathan Manning, Treasurer of  
the town of Chatham for the year  
1868, have attended that service and  
report that the balance of the for-  
mer settlement remaining in the  
said treasurers hands, is that \$ 12.31  
~~which the following was~~

That he has received the following  
sums, viz From Joseph Warren  
Collector for 1867 in full of the  
ministerial tax - - - - - \$17.59  
From said Warren in full of  
the town tax - - - - - 773.05  
From Elisha Dana, Collector  
for 1867, in full of the ministerial  
tax - - - - - 170.00  
From said Dana in part of the  
town tax - - - - - 201.23  
From Ezra Fletcher, collector  
for 1868, in part of the ministeri-  
al tax - - - - - 205.00  
From said Fletcher in part of  
the town tax - - - - - 423.26  
From sundry Persons for debts due  
to the town - - - - - 39.50  
From Eben Bancroft & Sons for a  
fine for a breach of the fish  
law - - - - - 3.00  
Total received by the Treasurer  
during the year - - - - - \$2633.71



And the said Treasurer has paid pursuant  
to orders drawn on him, viz.

For the expenses of the town	1400.20
For the support of the schools	829.42
For support of the ministry	500.00
For ringing the bell and sweeping the meeting house	34.00
For repairing gaps in meeting house	2.45
Total paid out of the Treasury during the year	\$ 2646.16
Leaving in the hands of the Treasury a balance of	\$ 27.54

And the committee further report  
that there is due from Eliza Dana a  
remainder of town tax 245.13  
From Ezra Fletcher do of proportional  
tax 286.26  
From Ezra Fletcher do of town tax 1710.20  
Total due from the collectors -- \$ 2241.59  
Total 2269.13

There is due for 10 orders already  
drawn for town expenses, & not  
yet paid 290.74

For 10 school orders drawn and not  
yet paid 500.79

Total due upon orders already drawn 791.53  
Leaving not ordered out of the Treasury  
a balance of \$ 1477.60

And the committee further report  
that there appears to be due from sundry  
persons to the town nearly all of which  
is not on interest. The sum of 61.36

And there is due from the Treasury  
of the United States on a certificate  
of Virginia 6 per cent stock 52.58

Total amount of money due and  
unappropriated 1577.04

All which is submitted by

Asahel Stearns } Committee  
Josiah Fletcher }

Chelmsford March 5<sup>th</sup> 1807



31  
Middlesex.

To Mr. Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
constables of the town of Chelmsford within  
the county of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts we are hereby required you th-  
with to post up attested copies of this war-  
rant one at the meeting house in the mid-  
dle of said town and one at Mr. Joel Haldings  
in said town to warn and give notice  
to the free holders & other inhabitants  
of said town qualified by the constitution  
to vote for Governor Senators & Representa-  
tives also by law to vote in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house in the  
middle of said town on Monday the third  
day of April next at one o'clock in the af-  
ternoon to act on the following articles (vz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To those  
qualified to give in unto the select men their  
votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor for  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & for  
councillors & senators for the county of Midd-  
dsex for the year ensuing.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a treasurer for  
the county of Middlesex.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To give in unto the assessors a true and  
just invoice of all their polls & rateable  
property to make the taxes by in said  
town the ensuing year & act thereon as  
they may think proper.

- 5th To see if the Town will prohibit rust cattle and commonable beasts going on the high way or set any thing there on that they may think proper.
- 6th At the request of Oliver Pierce & others to see if the Town will purchase the land and land now occupied by Simon Sumner or set any thing thereon that may think proper.
- 7th At the request of William Fletcher & others to see if the Town will purchase two good French Horns one for the use of the horse company & the other for the use of the band to be holden as the property of the Town.
- 8th At the request of Joseph Bailey & others to see if the Town will string up a road laid out by the select men from cross bridge so called to Gen. Bridges Store and act thereon as they may think proper.
- They fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the select men sometime before the time appointed for said meeting.

Dated at Chelmsford this twenty first day of March A.D. 1809.

John Perham }  
Amos Whitney } selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford



## The Return

April 3. 1809

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant at the places within named

John A. Fletcher } Constable  
of  
Chilmsford

There was another warrant of the same import directed to the other Constable viz Ebenezer Barker an attested copy of which was to be posted at the Baptist meeting house in Chilmsford which was legally returned.

Recorded by John Petham Town Clerk







Chelmsford April the 3<sup>d</sup> 1809

The following named persons were on the above said day  
in legal town meeting appointed to the said officers set  
against their names and have appeared and taken  
the oath that the law requires

Benjamin Byam

} Tithing man

Leebulon Parker

Stephen Proctor

Bradley Varnum

Simcon Richardson

Daniel Nodder

Jonathan Parker 3<sup>d</sup>

Chases Hale

Asaph Norrfield

Simcon Blodget

Eldad Proctor

} Surveyors

} Highway

Simon Parker

} fence  
viewers

Levy Proctor

} field  
driver

Capt Samuel Stevens

Jacob Fielder

Joseph Warren

} Surveyors

} of  
Ward



James Pitt  
Eli Parker

} Haywards

William B Fletcher

} Pound  
keeper

William Adams Jr

} Wagon  
of  
Hay

William Parker  
Simon Byam

} Inspector  
of  
Lime

Benjamin Byam

} Scaler of W & measure

Joseph Warren  
Ezra Fletcher

} Collectors  
of  
Taxes

The foregoing was recorded by  
Jonathan Perham Town Clerk





Chelmsford April 3<sup>d</sup> 1809

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) those qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & also for senators & Counsellors for the County of Middlesex gave in their votes in order for the aforesaid officers & their votes were for

Governor	{	Hon <sup>r</sup> Levi Lincoln Esq <sup>r</sup>	
		one hundred & nine - - - -	109
	{	Hon Christopher Gore Esq <sup>r</sup>	
		ninety five - - - -	95

Lieutenant Governor	{	Hon <sup>r</sup> Joseph B Warren	
		one hundred & nine - - -	109
	{	Hon David Cobb	
		ninety five - - - -	95

Senators & Counsellors for the Middlesex district	{	Hon Samuel Jarvis Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	107
		Hon Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	107
		Hon John L Tuttle Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	106
		Hon Matthew Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	106
		Hon Artemus Ward Esq <sup>r</sup> - -	93
	{	Gen John Brooks - - -	92
		Hon Timothy Jackson - -	92
		Oliver Prescott Esq <sup>r</sup> 93	

voted for moderator & chose William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>  
~~voted~~ the warrants were read at the opening  
 of the meeting

voted to proceed to busness after the returns  
were read the second time

voted for County Treasurer and the vote was

for Abiel Shawood Esq seventy seven 77  
& for John L. Tuttle Esq seventy five 75  
& for Joseph Bailey one 1

voted to dismiss the third article

voted the invoice be taken in the same  
way and manner that it was the last  
year -

It was motioned that next Cattle and  
Commonable beasts should <sup>not</sup> go at large which  
motion was not carried -

voted to chuse a committee to inquire in to the  
situation of the house and land now

occupied by Simon Farmer

voted said Committee should consist of  
three

voted for said Committee & chose Aaron -

Chamberlain's & Syeriah Spalding  
& Asaheel Heorns Esq

It was motioned to say the Town would  
purchase too Good French horns which  
motion was not carried -

It was motioned to dismiss the eighth article  
but was not carried -

it was motioned that the road laid out  
by the select men from Crossbridge hill  
in to the road near Gen Bridges store  
should be thrown up which motion was not

carried -

voted to chuse a committee to view the above

said road & other roads that should be -



Shown them & estimate the best & cheapest  
for the town and make report to the town  
at may meeting

voted to Chuse a committee of five  
voted for said committee and Chose <sup>Esq</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
Fletcher Nath<sup>n</sup> Tiler William Addams  
Aaron Chamberlain jr Joseph Addams —

voted to reconsider the vote that was past not  
to get too Good french horns —

It was motioned to propose the article respect  
ing said french horns which motion was not  
carried

voted to Get too Good french horns to be kept  
as towns property one for the use of the horse  
& the other for the use of a contemplated band  
in said town

voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded By, Yonca Perkins Town Cler<sup>k</sup>





Middlesex ss

Seal

To Mr Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County  
of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forthwith to post up attested  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
the middle of the town & one at Mr Joel Spaldings  
in said town to warn & give notice to the free holders  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the  
Constitution to vote for Representatives & also by law to  
vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house  
in the middle of said town on Monday the first day  
of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act  
on the following articles (viz)

- 1ly to see if the town will make a Choice of some suitable  
person or persons to represent them in the General  
Court of this Common wealth the ensuing year or act any  
thing there on ~~that~~ they may think proper
- 2ly to see if the town will take up the business in March  
meeting warrant that was adjourned to May meeting  
& act there on as they may think proper

Here of sale not & make return of this warrant  
with your doings there on in to the Select men  
some time before the time appointed for said  
meeting

Dated at Chelmsford a fore said this seventeenth  
day of April A D 1809

Jonas Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
of  
Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as there in expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested Copies of the within warrant at the places within mentioned

May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1809 Jonathan Fitcher } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

There was another warrant directed to the other Constable namely Ebenezer Parker a copy of which was to be posted at the baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned.

Recorded by Jonathan Potham Town Clerk



Chelmsford May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1809

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives and also of those qualified by Custom in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) —

voted To Chuse one Representative ~~to represent~~  
to represent said Chelmsford in the General Court  
of this Common wealth the ensuing year  
voted for a Representative and the vote was

For } William Adams Esqr ninety — 90

For } Nathl Stearns Esqr sixty six — 66

For } Joseph Adams too — 02

For } Asa Spalding —

For } Jonathan Perham — 01

For } Ichabod Gibson — 01

For } John Pitts — 01

And William Adams was Chosen  
it was motioned that the town send another  
Representative which motion was not carried

look over

It was motioned that the vote that was first  
to send a Representative be reconsidered which motion  
was not carried

Send another Representative  
voted to send a another Representative  
voted for a another Representative & the vote was

For	Jonathan Perkins	forty nine	149
For	West John Perkins	thirty	30
For	Asahel Stearns Esq	—	01

and Jonathan Perkins was chosen  
voted for moderator & chose William Adams Esq  
voted to take up the Business in March meeting  
warrant that was adjourned til may meeting  
It was motioned that the same should go at  
large and was carried

voted to dismiss the sixth article in March warrant  
voted to chuse a committee to view such ground  
as shall be shown them <sup>in the</sup> northwesterly part of the  
town for a burying place and estimate the expence  
that said burials <sup>ground</sup> will be provided the town  
should purchase it & make report to the town

voted to chuse a committee of three  
voted for said Committee and chose Capt

John Ford and the two select men  
that was then present

voted that the town should give Deon John

Spalding seven dollars for a strip of land  
for the widening of the road near



Ensign Sherbich Spaldings house

It was then agreed that the Collection of the taxes should be set up at variance and struck off to the lowest bidder on the following conditions (viz) that the collector should provide two good sureties in addition to himself to the acceptance of the selectmen — that the collectors should collect & pay <sup>in</sup> unto the several treasurers the whole of his gatable taxes with in one year after receiving the tax bill or be intitled to now pay ~~after~~ for what remains at that time

voted that one side of the town be put at a time

voted that the bid be on the dollar

The Southend was then put up and struck off to Joseph Warren at two cents on the dollar

The northend was then set up & struck off to

Ezra Fletcher at at two cents on the dollar

voted that the times concerning Simon Farmers house & land be dismissed ~~& the motion was carried~~

It was motioned that the town choose a committee to open the road from near the Esther farmers house into the road near gen<sup>l</sup> Bridges store & to let out the making of the the fences & to move the stables & settle with Gen<sup>l</sup> Ebenezer Bridge for his land & that they have liberty to set the stables near the burying ground.

and adjoining the other stables & the motion was carried

voted that the Committee consist of three

voted for said Committee and chose

Daniel Hadden & Lt John Beaton and

Capt John Butterfield

voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded By Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk





To Mr Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the county  
of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the common welth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forth with to post up altered  
copies of this warrent one at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town & one at Mr Joel Spalding in said  
town to warn & give notice to the free holders & other  
inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in  
town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town on Monday the twenty second  
day of May instant at two o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will build or repair the Bridge  
over the Stony Brook at William Adams Esq  
Mildam at or near the same or act any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will chuse a committee to settle  
with Gen. Elisha Bridge for his land which the  
new road from near the Esther Farmers & out to  
the ~~road~~ common west of his store will take  
& to lay open said road & move away the stables  
& place them at the end of the other stables near  
the burning ground & let out the making of the  
fences on each side of said road & indemnify &  
save harmless said Committee for what ever they do  
agreeable to vote of the town or act any thing thereon that  
the town may think proper -

Look over

3ly To see if the town will chuse a committee to see if yotham. Tarr. comes. hez gained a settlement in the town of Billerica or act any thing there on that the town may think proper

4ly to see if the town will chuse a select man in the room of doctor Ich<sup>d</sup> Gibson or act any thing there on that the town may think proper

Here of gate and and make return of this warrant with your dowings there on unto the select men some time before the time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford a fore said this tenth day of May 1809

Jon<sup>a</sup> Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Recorded by Jon<sup>a</sup> Perham town Clerk } Chelmsford

### Return

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualify as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the of the within at the places within mentioned

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1809 Jon<sup>a</sup> Fletcher } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford



there was another warrant <sup>of the same import</sup> directed to the other  
 Constable (viz) Elisha Parker a copy of which was  
 to be posted up at the baptist meeting house <sup>in Chelmsford</sup> which  
 was legally returned.

Chelmsford May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1809

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the  
 town of Chelmsford on the aforesaid day they  
 proceeded as follows (viz)

voted for moderator & chose William Adams Esqr

voted to chuse a committee to view the bridge  
 near William Adamses Mill dam & repair  
 said bridge if they think proper & to view other  
 places that they think proper & what will be proper  
 to be done for the future & report to the town

voted to chuse a committee of three

voted for said committee & chose Capt John Bullock  
 Lt John Beaman & Moses Hale

voted to dismiss the second article

voted to chuse a committee to sue if Jotham Turner  
 has gained an inhabitancy in the town of  
 Billerica

voted to chuse a committee of three

voted for said committee & chose Asahel Stearns  
 John Perham & Amos Whitney

voted to chuse a selectman in the room of  
 Doctor Schabed Gibson

voted for said selectman & chose Abijah Spalding

voted to dismiss the meeting







Middlesex

To Mr Jonathan Fletcher one  
of the constables of the town of Chelmsford in the  
County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the common wealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forth with to put up attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town & one at the goal  
Spauldings in said town to warn & give notice  
to the free holders & other inhabitants of said  
town qualified by law to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in the  
in the middle of said town on Monday  
the fifth day of June next at two o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)  
1<sup>ly</sup> To say if the town will accept of a road laid out  
by the select men Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1808 from near the foot  
of crossbridge hill (now called) out to the common  
near Col Elisha Bridges store  
2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will chuse a committee  
to open said road & settle with Col Elisha  
Bridge for his land & to put up fences on both  
sides of said road & move the stables off of said  
road & place them near the stables adjoining  
the burning ground  
There off fall not & make return of this warrant  
with your doings there on unto the select men  
seven time before the time appointed for said  
meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty  
seventh day of May 1809  
Jonathan Potham } selectmen  
Abijah Spaulding } of Chelmsford



35  
Return of the preceding warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned  
and notified the inhabitants of said town,  
qualified as there in expressed to assemble at the  
time & place and for the purposes within mentioned  
by posting up attested copies of the within  
warrant at the places within mentioned  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1809 Jonathan Fletcher } Constable  
Chelmsford }

There was another warrant of the same import  
directed to the other Constable (viz)  
Ebenezer Parker a copy of which was to be  
posted up at the baptist meeting house  
in Chelmsford which was legally returned

Chelmsford June 5<sup>th</sup> 1809

In legal town meeting of the freeholders &  
other inhabitants qualified by laws to vote  
in town affairs on the above said day they  
proceeded as follows (viz)  
voted for Moderator & chose Aaron Chamberlain  
voted to adjourn the meeting for a half an hour  
for the purpose of viewing the road  
voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Zephaniah Parker Town clerk

The first of these is the fact that the  
 number of cases of smallpox has  
 been greatly reduced since the  
 introduction of vaccination.  
 The second is the fact that the  
 disease is now almost entirely  
 confined to the tropics.  
 The third is the fact that the  
 disease is now almost entirely  
 confined to the tropics.  
 The fourth is the fact that the  
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 confined to the tropics.  
 The ninth is the fact that the  
 disease is now almost entirely  
 confined to the tropics.  
 The tenth is the fact that the  
 disease is now almost entirely  
 confined to the tropics.



To Mr Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford in the County  
of Middlesex

Greeting

I in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forth with to post up  
attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting  
house in the middle of the town and one at Mr  
Joel Spaldings in said town to warn and give  
notice to the free holders and other inhabitants  
of said town qualified by law to vote in town  
affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the  
middle of said town on Thursday the twenty eighth  
day of August instant at three o'clock P.M. to  
act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will chuse a committee to  
oppose a road being laid out through <sup>the</sup> westward  
part of the town or act any thing there on that  
the town may think proper
  - 2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will chuse a committee to  
prevent a roads being accepted that is to be  
laid out from Jeremiah Cumminses in  
Dunstable to blodget's brook in Chelmsford on the  
thirtieth day of August instant or act any thing  
there on that the town may think proper
  - ~~3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will chuse a committee~~
  - 3<sup>ly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was  
chose to view the bridge over Stony brook near  
William Adamsses mill dam and to see if the  
town will build a new bridge at or near the  
same or act any thing there on that the  
town may think proper
- look over

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4thly To hear the Report of the Committee that  
was Chose to view such ground as should  
be shewn them in the northernly part of the  
town for a contemplated burying place  
and act any thing there on that the town  
may thrive prosper.

Here off sale not and make return of this  
warrent. with your downings there on unto  
the selectmen some time before the time  
appointed for said meeting  
given under our hands at said Chelmsford  
this seventeenth day of August A D 1809

Jona Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shalding }  
Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrent

Pursuant to the within warrent I have  
summoned and notified the inhabitants  
of said town qualified as there is expressed  
to assemble at the time and place and  
for the purposes within mentioned by  
posting up attested copies of the within  
warrent at the places within named

August 28.. 1809

Jonathan Fletcher } Constable  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



There was an other warrant <sup>of the same import</sup> direct to the other  
 Constable namely Edwin Flower acopy  
 of which was to be posted up at the baptist  
 meeting house in Chelmsford which was  
 legally returned.

Recorded by Jonathan Peckham Town Clerk

Chelmsford August 28<sup>th</sup> 1809

In legal town meeting of the freeholders and  
 other inhabitants <sup>of the town of Chelmsford</sup> qualified by law to vote in  
 town affairs on the above said day they proceeded  
 as follows (viz)

Drawn out for jurors Joel Posthumus & Edwin  
 Thed is

Voted for moderators and Chose Lieut Cyrus  
 Baldwin  
 Voted to oppose a roads being ~~bein~~ laid out through  
 the west wardly part of the town  
 Voted to Chuse a Committee of two to oppose the  
 above said Road is bein laid out

Voted for said Committee and Chose  
 Asahel Stearns & Ebenezer Bridger Esqrs  
 Voted to Chuse a committee to oppose a road  
 being accepted that is to be laid out  
 from Turnstable to blodgetts brook soalled  
 in Chelmsford

Voted to Chuse a committee of two  
 Voted for said Committee and Chose

William Adams & Asahel Stearns  
 Esqrs

voted to hear the Report of the Committee  
that was Chose to vne the bridge near  
William Adams Mill dam & Repair  
it if they thought proper

voted to accept of the fore part of the Report  
of the Committee that was Chose to vne the  
old bridge near William Adams  
Mill dam and Repair it if they thought proper

voted to Chuse a committee <sup>to vne the place</sup> that is proposed for  
anew bridge over stony brook near William  
Adams Mill dam & to see if the road can  
be straightened so as to make any saving  
to see what the saving will be in the length  
of way <sup>to estimate the expense</sup> that the bridge & straightening  
of the road will be if done & Report to the town

voted to Chuse a committee of three  
voted for said Committee and Chose Capt  
Josiah Fletcher Capt Benjamin Butterfield  
& Capt John Ford

voted to pas over the forth article til thorough  
search ~~search~~ of the ground shall be made  
by the former Committee that was Chose  
for that purpose

voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jona Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford August 28<sup>th</sup> 1809

We the subscribers being a Committee to  
view and repair the Lower bridge over Stone  
Brook and view some suitable place to build  
a new bridge, have agreed with William  
Adams Esq. to repair the old bridge for sixteen  
dollars which is done, and we think there to  
be a suitable and convenient place to build  
a new bridge about twelve rods above the old  
bridge as fore said

John Butterfield } Committee  
Moses Hale }

Recorded by John Pitham Town Clerk





Middlesex *vs* So. M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Fletcher of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within  
the County of Middlesex

(23)

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town & one at Mr. Joel  
Spaldings in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders & other inhabitants  
of said town qualified by law to vote in  
town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town on Sunday the fifteenth  
day of January instant at two o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to  
use there in their endeavours to prevent the roads in  
said town in any ways being injured by  
the turnpike or do any thing there on that  
the town may think proper ~
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to  
make their annual settlement with the  
town treasurer or act any thing there on that  
the town may think proper ~
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will direct their collectors  
what money to take for taxes or act any thing  
there on that they may think proper ~

Hereof fall not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings there on unto the Select men  
some time before the time appointed for said  
meeting ~

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this fifth day of  
January AD 1869

Jonathan Peabody } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Spalding }  
Chelmsford

Look over for the return

69 Return of the preceding warrant  
Middlesex ss January 15<sup>th</sup> 1810

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the free  
holders & other inhabitants of said town of Chelms-  
ford by posting copies of this within view at  
at the place within named and affixed

Jonathan Fletcher } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford  
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was another warrant of the same import  
directed to the other Constable (viz) Ebenezer Parker  
a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist  
meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally  
returned

Recorded by Jos<sup>ph</sup> Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford January 15<sup>th</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the  
town of Chelmsford on the above said day  
they proceeded as follows (viz)  
voted for Moderator Chose John Pitts  
voted for Moderator by reason of John Pitts refusing  
to serve and Chose Jonathan Perham  
voted to Chuse a Committee to go and view the  
public highways that are said to be  
injured by the turnpike and report  
to the town the situation of the matter  
voted the Committee should consist of three  
voted for said Committee & Chose Jonathan  
Perham Cort Amos Whitney & Abijah  
Shalding

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voted to Chuse a Committee to make their annual  
Settlement with the town treasurer —  
voted the Committee should consist of two  
voted for Said Committee and Chose St John

Peaterson & Moses Hale —  
voted to dismiss the third article

voted to adjourn the meeting til the twenty  
second day of January instant at four  
o'clock in the afternoon —

Chelmsford January 22 - 1810

the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford being  
legally assembled in town meeting agree-  
ble to adjournment they voted to adjourn  
the article in the foregoing warrant respecting  
the roads in said town that are said to  
be injured by the turnpike til the next  
meeting —

voted to dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Jona. Peckham Town Clerk

Middlesex

65

To, Mr Jonathan Beebe one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelsea first within  
the County of Middlesex -

Greeting

(15) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forth with to post up  
affixed Copies of this warrant one at the  
Meeting house in the middle of the town  
and one at Mr Joel Spalding's in said town  
town and give notice to the freeholders and  
other inhabitants of said town qualified by  
law to vote in town affairs to assemble at  
the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Monday the twenty-second day of  
January instant at two o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles (viz) -

- 1<sup>st</sup> at the request of Capt Josiah Fletcher and others  
To see if the town will choose a Committee  
to remonstrate against the renewal of the  
Charter of the Middlesex Turnpike Corporation or  
act any thing there on or relative thereto  
that the town may think proper -
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was  
chose by the town to see if there could be a new  
bridge built over Stony brook near William  
Adams Mill & the road straightened  
so as to Make any saving & act any thing  
there on or relative thereto that the town  
may think proper -
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was  
chose by the town to view such Ground in  
the northwesterly part of the town for a burying  
place as should be shown them and act any  
thing there on or relative thereto that the town  
may think proper -

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Here of full met and make return of this warrant  
with your doings there on in to the selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting  
Dated at Chelmsford a fore said this twelveth  
day of January 1810 ~

Jonas Perham } Selectmen  
Mijah Spalding } of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonas Perham Town Clerk

Return of the preceding warrant  
Middlesex January 22. 1810 ~

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned  
and notified the inhabitants of said town of  
Chelmsford qualified as the electors expressed to  
assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town and at the time according to the  
within directions and for the purposes within  
mentioned by posting attested Copies of the  
within warrant at the places within named

Jonathan Blitcher } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

There is another warrant of the same import  
Directed to the other Constable (viz) Ebenezer  
Parker a copy of which was to be posted up at  
the baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which  
was legally returned ~

Recorded by Jonas Perham Town Clerk

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Chelmsford January 29. 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants  
of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law  
to vote in town affairs on the a bove said  
day they proceeded as follows (viz)  
voted for Moderator & Chase Jonathan Perham  
voted to Chuse a committee to remonstrate  
against the renewal of the Charter of the  
Middlesex Turnpike Corporation  
voted to Chuse a Committee of two  
voted for said Committee & Chase Daniel  
Hayden & Doctor Rufus Wyman  
voted to put over the article respecting the  
road & bridge near William Adamises  
Mills to the next meeting  
voted to purchase a piece of Land that  
blongs to Mr Joel Spalding for a  
burying place for the inhabitants of  
the town of Chelmsford to bury their dead  
in  
voted to Chuse a Committee to purchase  
the a bove mentioned burying ground  
voted that the former Committee that  
was Chose by the town to oue a place  
for a burying <sup>place</sup> be a discessionary Committee  
to purchase it of Mr Joel Spalding (viz)  
Capt John Ford Jonathan Perham &  
Cornet Amos Whitney  
voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jona Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex

South Mertonham Tithes one of the Constables  
of the town of Chesham within the County of  
Middlesex

(25)  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forthwith to post up attest ed  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
the middle of the town in care of Mr Joel Stoddard in  
said town to warn and give notice to the free holders  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law  
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday the  
fifth day of March next at ten o'clock in the fore  
noon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To make choice of all town officers that the laws require
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may think  
necessary for the support of the Gospel ministry  
schooling and all other necessary charges in said  
town the ensuing year & act on any thing therein  
as the town may think proper -
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To see in what way and manner the schools  
shall be kept in said town the ensuing year &  
act there on as they may think proper -
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing  
year and act there on as they may think proper
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will let the Swiss grow at  
long or not and act there on as they may think  
proper -
- 6<sup>thly</sup> at the request of Capt. Isaac Chamberlain to see  
if the town will appoint some suitable person  
to inquire after sum of money that is  
owing to the town for the support of the poor or act  
on any thing there on that they may think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will take up the business that  
was adjourned to this meeting respecting the  
straightening the road and building a bridge  
a bridge over Stony brook near Mrs William Holmes  
Mills & act there on as the town may think proper
- 8<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will take up the business that was  
adjourned to this meeting respecting the road in  
said town that was said to be injured by the turnpike  
and act there on as the town may think proper

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being full and made returning this warrant  
with your doing thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting  
I did at Chelmsford aforesaid this nineteenth  
day of February AD 1810

Jonas Perkins } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shalving } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonas Perkins Town Clerk

Middlesex Co March 5<sup>th</sup> 1810

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned  
and notified the inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford  
qualified as their in expressed to assemble at the  
time and place and for the purposes within  
mentioned by posting attested copies of the within  
warrant at the places within named

Jonathan Hatches } Constable  
}  
} Chelmsford

There was another warrant of the same import a copy  
of which was to be posted up at the People's meeting  
house in Chelmsford by the other Constable (viz)  
Eleazer Parker which was legally returned

Recorded By Jonas Perkins Town Clerk



70 Chelmsford March 5th 1810

In legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the a fore said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

Drawn out for Jurors Capt Nathaniel Howard & Joseph Warren

Voted for Moderator & Chase William Adams Esq -

Voted for town Clerk & Chase Jonathan Perkins -

Voted to Chase three Selectmen -

Voted for Selectmen & Chase Jonathan Perkins Esq

Amos Whitney & Abijah Spalding -

Voted for Town Treasurer and Chase Jonathan Manning

Voted to put over the Choice of Constables till April meeting -

Voted to Chase for fish wardens -

Voted for fish Wardens & Chase George Hornum, Capt Nathaniel Howard & Joseph Parker & William Livingstone -

Voted to Chase the remainders of the town officers by ballot vote -

Voted to Chase a School Committee to consist of nine -

Voted for said School Committee and Chase for district

No. 1. Capt Josiah Blitcher No 2 Phineas

Whiting No 3 James Dunn No 4 John

Proctor No 5 Joseph Warren No 6 James

Habbin No 7 Oliver Pierce No 8 Joseph

Spalding No. 9 Simon Blagden -

Voted for Surveyors of highways & Chase Simon

Parker Josiah Blitcher & Amos Holden

John Warner Benjamin Parkhurst &

Oliver Scribner Ephraim Cogswell Amos

Chamberlain & Capt Nathaniel Howard Edward

Proctor -

Voted for four clerks & Chase Henry Cabot Esq. Messrs

Robbin & Capt Isaac Chamberlain

Voted for five drivers & Chase Ebenezer Shedd & 4th Cyrus

Baldwin -

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Voted for Surveyors of Land and Chase Samuel To Wood  
Hass. Halse. Nathan. Silas Dunn Josiah. Parthurst  
Jonathan Fletcher -

Voted for Surveyors of Wood & Chase Capt. Samuel  
Stevens Samuel To Wood. Nathan. W. Hambletain  
Joseph Warren and Simon Parker -

Voted for Hydrants & Chase. Dr. Rufus. Hyman. Oliver  
and others for Collectors Jonathan Fletcher  
Jonathan Greenwood and William Livingston -

Voted for Pound keeper and Chase William B. Fletcher -

Voted for Bridges of Hay and Chase St. P. Pirrers  
William. Adams. R. Com. Elisha Snow  
and Capt. Jonas. Pierre -

Voted for Inspectors of Linn and Chase William  
Parker and Simon Hyman -

Voted to put over the choice of Collectors till April  
meeting -

Voted to Chase Two Cullen of staves

Voted for Cullen of staves and Chase Silas Hoar  
and Arhas Proctor -

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for the Support of  
the Gospel Ministry the year ensuing \$600.00

Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars to  
Deprave the town charges for the year ensuing \$1300.00

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars for the  
Support of the Schools the ensuing year \$800.00

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to  
repair the highways and Bridges the  
year ensuing \$1500.00

Voted that the Price of Labour on the highways  
be the same that it was the last year

Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way  
and manner they were the last year

Voted that the highways and bridges be repaired in  
the same way and manner they were the  
last year -

Voted that the high way tax be made by the last  
years invoice -

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- Voted To shut up the Swine for the year ensuing
- Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to look up  
some sums of money that are said to be owing  
to the town
- Voted To build a Bridge over Stony Brook so called near  
Mrs William Adamsses Mill
- Voted That the Selectmen receive Mrs William Adamsses  
proposals respecting his land that the new road  
will take provided provided the town should lay one  
out
- Voted To dismiss the eighth article
- Voted To Dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford March 5<sup>th</sup> 1846

We the Subscriber being a Committee  
Legally Chosen by the Inhabitants of  
Chelmsford to settle with the town  
Treasurer. Do report as follows (viz)

We now find Due from Mr Ezra  
Sketcher Collector of Ministerial money  
for 1844 Tax ----- \$200-64

Due from Mr Joseph Warren Do 131-94  
Ministerial money in the  
Treasury ----- 6-26

Total amount of Ministerial  
money ----- 341-84

We also find in the hands of the  
Treasurer a ten dollar Bill of James  
Exchange and hand money \$11-92 \$11-92

We also find due from sundry persons 94-65

We also find due from Mr Ezra  
Sketcher of towns money for 1844 tax \$1099-39

We also find due from Mr Joseph  
Warren Collector of towns money ----- 625-88  
Total \$1821-84

We also find a note of the United  
States 6 per Cent Deferred Stock  
Note and interest to this time \$54-20

John Bateman } Committee  
Moses Hale }

For a Manning Town Treasurer

Recorded by John Perkins Town Clerk



Chelmsford March 5th 1840

The following named persons were on the  
above said day in legal town meeting appointed  
to the several offices set against their names  
& have appeared and taken the oath which the  
law requires -

Jona Perham

Town Clerk

Jona Perham  
Amos Whitney  
Abijah Spalding

Selectmen

Jona Perham Amos Whitney  
Abijah Spalding

Assessors

Jona Harrington

Treasurer

Georg Harrason

William Livingstone

Fish

Wardens

Josiah Fletcher  
Antermos Holders

John Chassey

Eldad Proctor

Benjn Parkhurst jr

Ardur Chamberlain jr

Capt Nathaniel Steward

Oliver Scripture

Simon Parker

Ephraim Osgood

Surveyors

or

Highways

Ebenr Sheel jr

field driver

Samuel Wood

Natham Tyler

Deen Josiah Parkhurst

Jona Fletcher

Surveyors

or

Lumber

Capt Samuel Stevens

Samuel Wood

Joseph Warren

Robert B Chamberlain

Surveyors

or

Wood

Peulas Wyman Secy  
 John Fletcher  
 John Howard  
 William Livingstone  
 Joel Adams

Hog rears

William M. Fletcher

Soundkeeper

Le Phineus Whiting  
 William Adams Jr

Wighams

Shay

Silas Bour

Collector

Staves & hoops

Willard Byam

Sythisy man

Jonathan Fletcher  
 Ebenezer Parker

Constables

Abijah S. Halding

Sealors of weights  
& measures

Moses Robbins

Frens viewer

Ozra Fletcher

Collector of

Taxes

December 11th { William Parker

Inspectors of time

Albert Jonathan Parker Turnbuck



Middlesex & Highgate. Fletcher one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelsea within the County of Middlesex

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are here by required forth with to post upon a certain  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the  
Middle of the town or one at the public hall in the  
Town to remain & give notice to the freeholders & other  
inhabitants of said town & to the selectmen of the town  
to vote for your representatives and to be present at the  
meeting house in the middle of the town on Monday  
the second day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give in votes to the selectmen their  
votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor for the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts & for Commissioners & Senators for the  
County of Middlesex, or the year ensuing
- 2<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a new law for the County of  
Middlesex
- 3<sup>d</sup> To fill up all vacant town offices
- 4<sup>th</sup> To give in votes to the selectmen a true and just inventory  
of all their poles or a rateable proportion thereof to be  
by in said town the ensuing year and act thereon  
as they may think proper
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will take up the business that was  
acted upon at More's meeting the April meeting  
and act on any thing their own or relative thereto that  
the town may think proper
- 6<sup>th</sup> To hear Esq. William Solomon's proposals respect-  
ing his land that the proposed road will take  
provided that the town should build a bridge  
over Story brook near his Mills and act on any  
thing respecting building a bridge or a right  
crossing the road that the town may think  
proper
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will prohibit meat & cattle  
and come over the waste ground on the highway  
or act on any thing their own that the town may  
think proper

Here of full rat and make return of this warrant  
with your doing thereon or unto the selectmen  
some time before the time appointed for said meeting  
Voted at Chelsea for a law said this in the month  
day of March A.D. 1810

Provided by  
Jesse Perkins Town Clerk  
Jesse Perkins } selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shadwin } (Jesse Perkins)

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Return of the preceding warrant

Blodden's warrant April 2<sup>d</sup> 1810  
pursuant to the within warrant have returned  
and advised the inhabitants of said town  
that no person qualified as their representative is  
affordable at the time and place under the  
warrant within seven days of the return of the  
said copies of the within warrant at the place  
within named

Jonathan Chittenden }  
Constable of Chittenden

Recorded by Joseph in Potham Town Clerk

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There was another warrant of the same import  
directed to the other Constable (Chittenden) & he never  
Potham a copy of which was to be posted up at  
the Baptist meeting house which was  
legally returned

Recorded by Joseph in Potham Town Clerk

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Chelmsford April 2<sup>d</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) those qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & also for Senators & Councillors for the County of Middlesex gave in their vote in order for the aforesaid officers & the votes were for

Governor	{	H <sup>on</sup> Excellency Christopher Gore	
		ninety seven	97
	{	H <sup>on</sup> Abner Elbridge Gerry Esq	
		one hundred & nineteen	119

Lieutenant Governor	{	Hon William Gray Esq	
		one hundred & seventeen	117

Governor	{	Hon David Cobb Esq	
		ninety six	96

Senators & Councillors for the Middlesex district	{	Hon Samuel Dana Esq	112
		Hon Amos Bond	112
		Hon John L Tuttle	112
		Matthew Bridge Esq	112
	{	Hon Timothy Jackson	90
		Hon Oliver Prescott	90
		Hon Joseph Beard	90
		Hon Joseph Locke	88

Recorded by Jonathan Durham Town Clerk

Chelmsford April 2<sup>d</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the aforesaid day they proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted for Moderator and Clerk William Advertiser  
voted to discontinue the further reading of the warrants  
having been read at the opening of the meeting  
and proceed to business -

Voted for County Treasurers and the votes were  
for John L. Suttle Esq. 83  
for Thos. Hayward Esq. 76  
William Brown Esq. 1

Voted for Constable for the northern shore  
Jonathan Thlete Esq.

Voted for Constable for the southern and shore  
Ebenezer Parker

Voted for fishing men and shore William Pygott  
and Simeon Wright

Voted that the assessors take the invoice in the  
same way and manner that it was taken  
the last year

Voted to adjourn the remainder of the business till  
next meeting

Voted to Dismiss the meeting

Recorded by John Perdomi Town Clerk



May Meeting 1810

Middlesex. To Mr Jonathan Fletcher one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middle-  
sex. Greeting

- In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required for the with to post up attested  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
the Middle of the town and one at Mr Joel Shaldings  
in said town to warn and give notice to the free holders  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by  
the Constitution to vote for Representative & also by law  
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting  
house in the Middle of said town on Monday the  
seventh day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles (viz) -
- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable  
person or persons to represent them in the General  
Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year - or act  
any thing therein that they may think proper
  - 2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the  
Selectmen from near the house of William Adams  
on a South easterly course over Stony brook (so called)  
and out to the County road that leads from the head  
of the Middlesex Canal to Tyngsborough and from  
said Stony brook out to the County road that leads  
from Chelmsford Meeting house to Tyngsborough or  
act any thing therein that they may think proper
  - 3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will take up the articles adjourned at  
April Meeting to May meeting and act therein as they  
may think proper -
  - 4<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Peter Marshall to see if the town will  
make him some Consideration on account of their  
being taxes for the year 1797 on his tax bill that could  
not be collected or act any thing therein that they  
may think proper -
  - 5<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Lieut Cyrus Baldwin & others to see  
if the town will point out any better method for  
warning town meetings - or act any thing therein  
that they may think proper -
  - 6<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to inspect  
the schools in said town for the year ensuing or act  
any thing therein that they may think proper

Look to the next page for the remainder of this  
warrant

7thly at the request of Cornet William Fletcher to  
see is the town I will Chuse a committee to open  
the road laid out by the Selectmen from near  
the Parker Summer House out to the store occupied  
by Caleb Abbot & remove all obstructions on said  
road & put up fences on both sides of said road  
or do any thing thereon that they may think  
proper -

Here off fallenot and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen  
some time before the time appointed for said  
meeting -

Dated at Chelmsford a fore said this eighteenth day  
of April A D 1810 -

for a Perham Selectmen,  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shalving } Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss May 7th 1810 -

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford  
qualified as their is expressed to assemble at  
the ~~Meeting house~~ <sup>in</sup> time and place and for  
the purposes within mentioned by posting attested  
Copies of this warrant at the places within named

for: Fletcher } Constable  
of }  
Chelmsford

There was another warrant of the same import  
directed to the other Constable a Copy of which  
was to be posted up at the Capt's meeting house  
in Chelmsford which was legally returned by  
the above said Constable viz) Ebenezer Parker

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town



Chelmsford May 7<sup>th</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote. The Representative and also by and to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) voted to Chuse a Representative to represent the said town of Chelmsford in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing

voted for Representative and the vote were for Jonathan

Perham eighty two . . . . . 82

Isabel Stearns Esq sixty eight . . . . . 68

William Adams Esq one . . . . . 1

Rufus Wyman Esq one . . . . . 1

and Jonathan Perham was Chosen

voted for Moderator and Chose Isabel Stearns Esq

voted to dispence the further reading of the warrants and proceed to business the warrants having been read at the opening of the meeting -

voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen from near the house of William Adams Esq on a Southeast ward by Cose over Story brook

(so called) and out to the County road that leads from the head of the Middlesex Canal to Syngsbrough and from said Story brook out to the County road that leads from Chelmsford Meeting house to Syngsbrough -

voted to Chuse a Committee to make preparation for building a bridge over Story brook -

voted that the Committee consist of three -

voted for said Committee and Chose William Adams Esq. Capt Benjamin Butterfield & Lieut

Cyrus Baldwin -

voted to and authorized the above Committee to Contract for the building of the bridge or build it themselves as they may think proper

voted that the buttments be built of stone and not less than twenty feet wide -

voted that meat Chattle and Commorable beasts be shut up from and after the first of June next ensuing

voted that the Collection of taxes be put in the same way and manner that it was the last year -

voted that the Collections of taxes be put out on the following

Conditions (viz) That the Collector or collectors

procure two good and sufficient bondsmen to

the Exemption of the Selectmen and that the Collector

or Collectors Collect all their gatable taxes within one

year from the time they receive their taxbill or may pay to be allow for what remains look over

The doth net was then set up and struck off to Ben  
Benja Dynamat two cents and five mills on the dollar  
the South net was then set up and struck off to Ben  
Benjamin Dynamat two cents and three mills on the  
on the dollar.

voted that the selectmen examine Peter Marshall's  
tax bill and make him such allowance and a  
balance as they may think proper

voted that the warrant that the Constable has been formerly  
issued to rest up at Joel Spalding's be posted  
up on the hay stack near the house of St. Thomas  
Whiting as soon as there is a box provided for that  
purpose

voted to dismiss the sixth article in the preceding warrant  
voted to choose a Committee to open the Road that was

laid out by the Selectmen from near the last her  
Farmer house out to the store occupied by G. A. B.  
Abbott and to alter it six or seven feet at said store to the west  
and put up fences on both sides of said road

voted that said Committee be authorized to settle with  
Mr. David S. Eaton for his land that the said road  
will take in also to purchase of the said Eaton  
his land that lies to the west of said road personally  
if they can agree if not to leave to those disinterested  
men and take a deed

voted for said Committee and chose Capt. John B. B. &  
Bernat William Hitchcock & John B. B.

voted that the Committee open the Road immediately  
voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Pesham Town Clerk



Chelmsford March 27<sup>th</sup> 1810

We the Subscribers Selection men of and for the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex. have this day viewed and laid out a particular and private way or road in the northwesterly part of said Chelmsford for the use of the inhabitants of said town and is bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a Thorn tree standing on the east side of the County Road leading from said Chelmsford Meeting house to Tyngsborough near the house of Mr. Wilmers. thence running southeasterly in a straight line on the top of the hill from said stable over ~~Stony brook~~ <sup>Stony brook</sup> (so called) to a black oak tree marked standing on the bank of said brook thence still southeasterly to a large stone in the fence of Samuel Howard and thence in a straight line to the County Road leading from the head of the Middlesex wheel to Tyngsborough and from the said black oak tree on the bank of Stony brook after said southeasterly to a white pine tree marked thence southeasterly to a poplar tree marked and out into the County Road that leads from Chelmsford Meeting house to Tyngsborough and is laid out three Rods wide on the southeasterly side of said line

Accepted May 7<sup>th</sup> 1810

John Perham Selection men  
Amos Whitney of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Shelton Jr. To the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex  
 the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

(B) Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required forth with to post up attested  
 Copies of this warrant one at the Meeting house in  
 the middle of the town and one at the School Sheds in  
 said town to warn and give notice to the free  
 holders and other inhabitants of said town, qual-  
 ified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the  
 meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday  
 the second day of July next at three o'clock in the  
 afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1<sup>stly</sup> To Chuse a Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will take Andrew Fletcher out of  
 qual or act any thing their on or relative ther to that  
 they may think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will allow Daniel Heyden, against  
 for remonstrating against the renewal of the Charter  
 of the Middlesex Turnpike Corporation or act any  
 thing their on or relative ther to that they may think  
 proper

Here if fail not and make return of this warrant with your  
 doing thereon unto the Selectmen some time before  
 the time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford afore said this twentieth day of  
 June AD 1810

Jonas Perkins } Selectmen  
 Amos Whitney }  
 Abijah Shading }  
 Chelms.

Middlesex Jr July 2<sup>d</sup> 1810

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified and summoned  
 the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of  
 Chelmsford qualified as their in excused to assemble  
 at the time and place and for the purposes within  
 mentioned by posting attested Copies of this warrant  
 at the places within named

Jonathan Fletcher

The above is attesting the preceding warrant

Recorded by Jonas Perkins Town Clerk

Chelmsford  
 7  
 Chelmsford



This was another warrant of the same import Directed to the  
other Constable (viz) Ebenezer Parker a copy of which was ~~legally~~  
~~not~~ posted up at the Baptist meeting house in Chelms-  
ford which was legally return --

Recorded by Jonathan Parker, Town Clerk

Chelmsford July 2<sup>d</sup> 1810

In legal Town meeting of the free holders and other inhabitants  
of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above  
said day they proceeded as follows (viz)  
voted for Moderator and chose Asahel Stearns Sen  
voted to dismiss the second article  
voted that the Selectmen allow Daniel Hayden fifty dollars and  
one cent for his ~~account~~ for remonstrating against the  
the renewal of the Charter of the Middlesex Turnpike  
Corporation --  
voted To Dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Parker, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

To Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the  
County of Middlesex greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town and one at the post office  
in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by  
law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Tuesday the  
second day of October next at three o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator

Secondly, at the request of Mr. Benjamin Pyram &  
others to see if the town will accept of Mr. Ezra Fletcher  
for Collector of taxes for the year ensuing instead of  
the said Mr. Benjamin Pyram or act any thing  
respecting Chusing a collector that the town may  
think proper—

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant  
with your doing thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting.  
Dated at Chelmsford a fore said this seventeenth  
day of September A D 1810

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shalving } Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrant  
Middlesex ss October 2<sup>d</sup> 1810 by virtue of this warrant  
I have notified and summoned the free holders and  
other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford, qualified  
as their is expressed to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town of Chelmsford on  
Tuesday the second day of October instant at three  
o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes within run  
by posting attested Copies of this warrant at the place  
within named—

Jonathan Fletcher } Constable of  
Chelmsford



There was an other warrent of the same in wh<sup>ch</sup>  
 directed to the other Constable (viz) Ebenezer Parker  
 a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist  
 Meetinghouse in Chelmsford which was legally return<sup>d</sup>  
 Recorded By Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford October the 2<sup>d</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of  
 the town of Chelmsford on the above said day  
 they proceeded as follows (viz)  
 voted, For Moderator and Chas. Asahel Stearns, Esq  
 voted to discharge Esq Benjamin Byam from  
 Collecting taxes—  
 voted to adjourn the meeting til thursd<sup>y</sup> the  
 eleventh day of october instant at three  
 o'clock in the afternoon then to meet in  
 the meeting house in the middle of said  
 town—

Recorded by Jonathan Perham, Town Clerk

Chelmsford October 11<sup>th</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of said town agreed to a by-law on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

voted to set up the Collection of taxes at seven cents and that they be struck off to the lowest bidder on the

following Conditions (viz)

voted to set up and at the town at a time and that

the collector should procure two good Surveys in addition to himself to the acceptance of the

Select men that the collector should collect and pay in unto the several treasurers the whole of

his gettable taxes within one year from the time

he receives his taxbills or be entitled to no pay

for what remains after that time

voted the bid be on the dollar —

The northern was then set up and struck off to Ezra Fletcher at three cents and six mills on the dollar —

the Southern was then set up and struck off to Ezra Fletcher at three cents and four mills on the dollar

voted that Mr Ezra Fletcher should be the collector of taxes for the year 1810 —

voted to adjourn the meeting —

Recorded By Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk



Middlesex To Jonathan Fletcher one of the Constables of  
the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts give me  
here by required forth with to post up attested Copies of  
this warrant one at the meetinghouse in the middle  
of the town and one at M<sup>rs</sup> Joel Spalding in said town to  
warn and give notice to the free holders and other inhab-  
itants of said town qualified by law to vote for representa-  
tives & also by law to vote in town affairs to assemble  
at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on  
Thursday the fifth day of November next at one o'clock  
in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give their votes for a Representative  
to represent the middlesex district in the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will fence a piece of land that has been  
purchased of M<sup>rs</sup> Joel Spalding for a burying place or act  
any thing respecting fencing it that they may think  
proper
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will choose a Committee to make their  
annual settlement with the town treasurer or act  
any thing therein that they may think proper

Here of false not and make return of this warrant with your  
doing thereof unto the Selectmen some time before the time  
appointed for said meeting.

Dated at Chelmsford afore said this twenty second day  
of October A D 1810 -

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Mijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Return of the preceding warrant.

Middlesex To November 5<sup>th</sup> 1810

pursuant to this warrant I have notified and summoned  
the free holders and other inhabitants of said town of  
Chelmsford qualified as their is & pressed to assemble  
at the time and place and for the purposes within  
mentioned by posting attested Copies of this warrant  
at the places within mentioned.

Jonathan Fletcher } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford  
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same import sent to the other Constable (viz) Ebenezer Parker an attested copy of which was to be posted up at the baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned -

Recorded by Jonathan Parker Town Clerk



At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of  
 Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
 representative in the general Court holden on the fifth day  
 of November being the first Monday of said month  
 In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 Ten for the purpose of giving their votes for a Representative  
 of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States  
 for the Middlesex district votes for the following persons were  
 given in forced count and record and deliberation thereof  
 made as by law is directed - to wit -

For { Honble Joseph B Varnum Esq forty five 45

For { Lemmi Baldwin Esq thirty one 31

Chelmsford November 5<sup>th</sup> 1810

In legal town meeting on the above said day and  
 the meeting being opened to act on town affairs they  
 proceeded as follows (viz)

voted for Moderator and Chose Jonathan Perham  
 voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to exchange  
 a piece of land that has been purchased by the Town  
 of Micah Spalding for a burying place with Micah  
 Spalding so as to lay said burying place in to a  
 Squires form

voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to devise fence  
 with Micah Spalding between his land and  
 said burying place als to see said burying place  
 fenced with Stone wall -

voted that the above mentioned business be left discretionary  
 - ary with the Selectmen

voted to Chuse a committee to consist of two to make  
 a settlement with the town treasurer

voted for said Committee and Chose William Adams  
 & Major Nathaniel Howard -

voted to dismiss the meeting -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex

So. Jonathan Fletcher one of the  
constables of the town of Chelmsford within the  
County of Middlesex, Greeting —

(D)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are here by required forth with to post up at the  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town and one at Mr Joel Spalding  
in said town to warn and give notice to the free  
holders and other inhabitants of said town qualified  
by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the  
Meeting house in the middle of said town on Mon-  
day the fourth day of March next at ten o'clock in  
the fore noon to act on the following articles (viz)

Firstly To make choice of all town officers that the law  
requires —

Secondly To Grant Such Sum of money as the town may  
think necessary for the Support of the Gospel ministr  
Schooling and all other necessary charges in said  
town the ensuing year and act any thing their on  
that the town may think proper —

3<sup>ly</sup> To See in what way and manner the Schools  
shall be kept in said town the ensuing year  
& act their on as they may think proper —

4<sup>thly</sup> To See in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuin  
year and act any thing their on or relative their to  
that the town may think proper —

5<sup>thly</sup> To See if the town will let the Swine grow at large  
or not and act any thing their on as they may  
think proper —

6<sup>thly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen  
by the town to settle with the town treasurer and  
act their on as the town may think proper —

7<sup>thly</sup> at the request of Jeremiah Bradley of Drauit  
and others to see if the town will provide a public  
road from the road near Lot Josiah Fletchers  
house a little South of the same to Bradleys ferry  
or act any thing respecting the same that the  
town may think proper —

Look to the next page for the remainder of  
the warrant



Here of sale not and make return of this warrant  
with your drawing their on into the selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting  
Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this fifteenth day  
of February AD 1011 —

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

### Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex Co March 4<sup>th</sup> 1011 —

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and  
Summoned the freeholders and other inhabitants  
of said town of Chelmsford qualified as their in-  
expressed to assemble at the time and place and for  
the purposes within named by posting attested  
copies of this warrant at the places within  
named —

Jonathan Fletcher } Constable  
} of  
} Chelmsford

There was another <sup>of the same import</sup> warrant directed to the other  
Constable (viz) Ebenezer Parker a copy of which  
was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house  
in Chelmsford which was legally returned —

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

# March Meeting For A.D. 1811

Chelmsford. March 4th 1811

Legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted For Moderator and Chose William Adams, Esq.  
Drawn out for jurors Joseph Putnam, Capt

John Shed & Adams Fletcher —

Voted to dispence the further reading of the warrants and proceed to to business —

Voted For Town Clerk and chose Jonathan Perham —

Voted For Selectmen and Chose Jonathan Perham, Cornet Amos Whitney & Abijah Spalding —

Voted For town treasurer and chose Jonathan Minnery —

Voted For Constable for the northend and Chose Jonathan Fletcher —

Voted For Constable for the Southend and Chose, Esq. Benjamin Byam. —

Voted, To Chuse fore fish wardens —

Voted, For fish wardens and Chose Lieut. Joseph Bowers Oliver Blood Peter Morrish and Bradley Varren —

Voted To Chuse the remainder of the town officers by hand vote

voted To Chuse a School Committee to Cons of nine persons one in each District

voted For said Committee and Chose for District No 1 Daniel Hayden



no. 2. Samuel Marshall jr no. 3 Stephen  
Spalding no. 4 Eldad Proctor no. 5. Jonathan  
Parker no. 6. Asa Mansfield no. 7. Johnson  
Davis no. 8. Henry Spalding no. 9. Capt  
Jonas Pierce —

Voted for Surveyors of highways and Chose, Capt.  
Benjamin Butterfield Lieut William Fletcher  
Capt. Elish Ford Samson Stevens, Ephraim  
Spalding, Jonathan Parker & Solomon.  
Byam, Elish Dana Adams Fletcher and  
Stephen Pierce —

Voted for fence viewers and Chose Joseph  
Warren, Joseph Chamberlain and Bradley  
Varmin —

Voted for field drivers and Chose Capt. Luken  
Wright and Joel Parkhurst —

Voted for Surveyors of lumber and Chose Samuel  
J. Wood, Moses Hale, Deem, Josiah Parkhurst  
Capt Elish Ford and Nathan Tyler —

Voted for Surveyors of wood and Chose, Capt.  
Samuel Stevens, Samuel J. Wood, Robert.  
B. Chamberlain, Joseph Warren, Amos  
Proctor and Jesse Smith —

Voted for hog rears and Chose Ruben Parker  
Mureus Peckins, Artemus Holden, William

~~Voted~~ Bridge and Ralph Butterfield  
Voted for holders of hay and Chose William  
Adams jr Capt Jonas Pierce, Capt Phineas  
Whiting and Capt Elish Ford —

Voted for inspectors of lime and Chose William  
Parker Capt John Sheel and Simon  
Byam



Voted To postpone the choice of Collectors of taxes til  
April Meeting —

Voted For Cullers of Staves and Chose Silas Hoar  
and Amos Prater

Voted For lything men and Chose Willard Ryan  
and Aaron Chamberlin jr —

Voted To act on the sixth article next

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee that  
was Chosen by the town to settle with the town-  
treasurer —

Voted To raise Six hundred dollars for the support  
of the Gospel Ministry . . . . \$600.00

Voted To raise fourteen hundred and fifty Dollars  
to defray the towns expenses . . . . \$1450.00

Voted To raise eight hundred dollars to Support  
the School the year ensuing — \$800.00

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair  
the roads in said town the ensuing year

Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way and  
Manner that they were the last year and  
the money proportioned in the same way and  
Manner that it was the last year —

Voted To repair the highways and bridges in the  
same way and manner that they were the  
last year

Voted that the highway tax be made by the last years  
invoice —

Voted To shut up the same the year ensuing —

Voted To dismiss the Seventh article —

Voted To Dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Settlement with the Town Treasurer for the year  
1010 —

The Committee Appointed to settle with the town  
Treasurer for the year one thousand eight hundred  
and ten have attended that Service and ask leave  
to report as follows (viz)

Ministerial money in the hands of the  
Treasurer ..... \$5<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Your Committee also find in the hands of  
Mr Ezra Fletcher, Collector for 1010 ..... 397<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Total Ministerial Money .. \$402<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Your Committee further find in the hands of  
the Treasurer of the Town and School  
Money ..... 63<sup>57</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

They also find in the hands of Mr Joseph  
Warren Collector for 1009 due to the treasurer  
the sum of ..... 60<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

They further find in the hands of Ezra  
Fletcher Collector for 1010 ..... 1360<sup>09</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

They further find in the hands of sundry  
Persons due to the treasurer the sum of ... 57<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Sum total due to the Town ..... 1557<sup>41</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

And your committee further find in the hands  
of the Treasurer amount of the United States 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Cent  
refused Stock bearing date February 2<sup>d</sup>. 1793 and  
No 2404 the sum of ..... 39<sup>41</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
All which your Committee submit

Chilmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1011

William Adams } Committee

Nathaniel Howard }

Reviewed by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex Co. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1811 Jonathan Perham personally  
appeared and took the oath prescribed by law for Town  
Clerk as Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford

Before me

Refus Wymon  
Just. Peace

a true copy of record

Refus Wymon Just. Peace —

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk —

Middlesex Co. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1811 Jonathan Perham and  
Abijah Shalading personally appeared and took the  
oath prescribed by law for Assessors as Assessors of the town  
of Chelmsford

Before me

Refus Wymon Just. Peace

a true copy of record

Refus Wymon Just. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex Co. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1811 Jonathan Perham and  
Abijah Shalading personally appeared and took the  
oath prescribed by law respecting Elections and  
Returns their of selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford

Before me

Refus Wymon J. Peace

a true copy of record

Refus Wymon Just. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex Co. Chelmsford March 4<sup>th</sup> 1811

I certify that Benjamin Byam was duly sworn  
as a Constable for the town of Chelmsford for the coming  
year before me

Asahel Stearns Just. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford March 4<sup>th</sup> 1811

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town meeting Chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared and taken the Oath which the law requires —

James Whitney	} Selectman & Register
Jonathan Manning	
	} Town treasurer

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Peter Marshall

} Irish wardens

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Capt Benjamin Butterfield

St William Fletcher

Ephraim Spalding

Solomon Byam

Stephen Pierce

Jonathan Parker 4<sup>th</sup>

Capt Eliza Ford

Eliza Danna

Samson Stevens

Jonathan Harwood

Joseph Warren

Joseph Chamberlin

} Surveyors

of

} Highways

} Fence viewers

Capt Lachens Write

} Field drivers

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Ben Josiah Parkhurst

Samuel H. Wood

Nathaniel Tyler

} Surveyors

of

} Lumber

Middlesex ss Chelmsford April 18<sup>th</sup> 1811

I certify that Mr Nathaniel Wright was duly sworn  
as Constable of the Town of Chelmsford for the year ensu-  
ing before me

Asahel Stearns Justice of the Peace  
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Chelmsford April 22<sup>d</sup> 1811

Joel Adams appeared and took the following oath  
you being chosen Clerk of School district no one  
in the Town of Chelmsford do swear that you will keep  
a true and perfect Record of all votes passed in this  
meeting and all other meeting in said District & to  
discharge all the duties incumbent on you as a Clerk of  
said District until a nother be chosen and sworn in  
your Ste before Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford March 4<sup>th</sup> 1811

The following named persons were on the above said day  
in legal town meeting <sup>were</sup> chose into the several offices  
set against their respective names and have appeared  
and taken the oath prescribed by law to qualify them  
to act in said office

Capt. Samuel Stevens	} Surveyors of Wood
Samuel J. Wood	
Joseph Warren	
Jeffer Smith	

Artemus Holden	} Hogressor
Abt William Bridge	

} weighon  
of  
hay

Capt John Shed	} Inspecton of Lime

Saml Parkhurst } Collector of taxes

Willard Ryan } Nothing more  
Hedley's Spading } sealing wright &  
measures

Record by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex f. Jonathan Stetson one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town and one at Mr Goldspalins  
in said town to warn and give notice to the freemen  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by  
the Constitution to vote for Governors Senators and  
Representatives also by law to vote in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Monday the first day of April next at two  
o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles  
(viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give in their votes unto the select-  
men for Governor & Lieut. Governor for the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts & for Commissioners and Senators for  
the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a Moderator
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of  
Middlesex
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the  
County of Middlesex
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Assessor a true and just invoice  
of all their poles and rateable property to make  
the taxes by in said town the ensuing year and  
act thereon as the town may think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To See if the town will prohibit neat Cattle and  
Commonable beasts going on the highway or  
act any thing thereon that they may think prop-  
er
- 8<sup>thly</sup> To See what the price of labour shall be at the high-  
ways for the year ensuing and act thereon as the  
town may think proper
- 9<sup>thly</sup> To See if the town will let the baptist Societies in  
said town have the money that they are to be taxed  
for the support of the gospel ministry for the year  
A D 1811 as they have had here before or act any thing  
thereon or relative thereto that they may think  
proper

Took over

10thly To see if the town will take any method to obtain the specie for a part of the united States six pence deferred stock that is in the hands of the town treasurer or at any thing their on that they may think proper—

11thly at the request of Joseph Warren and others to see if the town will grant a sum of money for the support of the singing the year insuing and act their on as they may think proper—

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon into the selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting  
Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this eighteenth day of March A D 1811—

Jonathan Perham	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Alfred Shalving	

Return of the preceding warrant

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the freemen & other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford according to the within directions and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the places within mentioned

Jonathan Fletcher	} Constable of Chelmsford

There was another warrant of the same import directed to the other Constable viz Benjamin Byam a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned—

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford April 15<sup>th</sup> 1811

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) Those qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & also for Senators and Constables for the County of Middlesex gave in their votes for the afore said officers and the votes were for —

Governor	{	Hon. Ewellney Elbridge Gerry	
		ninety five —	
Lieutenant Governor	{	Hon. Christopher Gore	
		ninety four	
Senators	{	Hon. William Gray	ninety eight
		William Phillips Esq	ninety two
Constables for the Middlesex district	{	Hon. Samuel Dana	ninety eight
		Hon. Matthew Bridge	ninety eight
		Hon. John L. Tuttle	ninety eight
		Hon. Amos Bond	ninety eight
		Hon. Timothy Jackson	ninety
		Hon. Joseph Locke	eighty nine
		Asahel Stearns Esq	ninety
		Nathan Austin Esq	ninety

voted For Moderator and Chose William Adams Esq

voted For Treasurers for the County of Middlesex & the votes were —

For	{	John L. Tuttle Esq	sixty eight	68
		Abiel Hayward Esq	sixty seven	67
		Samuel Bartlet Esq	one	1

voted For register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex and the votes were —

For	{	Samuel Bartlet Esq	eighty	80
		Lock over		

voted For Constable for the Northward and chose  
Capt Benjamin Butterfield —

voted To excuse Capt. Benjamin Butterfield  
from serving Constable —

voted for Constable for the Northward and chose  
Nathaniel White —

voted That the price of labour at the highways  
be the same as it was the last year

voted To put over the seventh article til May  
Meeting —

voted That the Baptist Societies insaid town draw  
the money that they are to be taxed for  
the Support of the Gospel Ministry for the year  
1811 as they have heretofore

voted to Chuse an agent to see if the specie can be  
obtained for a note of the United States  
Six percent deferred Stock that is in the  
hands of the town treasurer —

voted for Said agent and chose Lieut. Cyrus Baldwin

voted To raise a sum of money for the Support  
of the Singing —

voted and granted Seventy five dollars for  
the Support of Singing —

voted That the money granted for the Support of  
the Singing be laid out in the following  
manner viz) That there be a Committee  
Chosen to Consist of three one in the South  
part of the town and one in the North part  
of the town and one in the Center of the  
town and that the money be faithfully expended  
in the parts of the town above mentioned

voted For Said Committee and chose Lieut  
John Battenham Capt Noah Spalding Capt  
Elisha Ford

voted to put over the Choice of Collector til May meeting

voted to dismiss the meeting  
Recorded by Jonathan Parker Town Clerk



Middlesex

To Mr Nathaniel Wright one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Middlesex, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are here by required forth with to post up attested  
Copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town and one at Myself Shaldring in said  
town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Representative and also by law to vote in  
town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town on Monday the Sixth day of May  
next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles (viz) -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To See if the town will make Choice of some suitable  
person or persons to Represent them in the General  
Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year or act  
any thing therein that they may think proper
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Choose a Moderator -
- 3<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will take up the business a journal at  
April meeting to May meeting and act therein  
as they may think proper -
- 4<sup>th</sup> For the town to select suitable persons for jurors to  
fill the several as the law requires -
- 5<sup>th</sup> To See if the town will accept of a road laid out by the  
Selectmen from near the house of Cornet Josiah  
Fletcher to Bradleys ferry (so called) or act any thing  
therein that they may think proper -
- 6<sup>th</sup> To hear the order of Court on a road laid out from  
Barnstable to Blodgetts Brook in Chelmsford and act  
therein as the town may think proper -
- 7<sup>th</sup> To give in unto the assessor a true and just invoice  
of all their poles and rateable property to make the  
taxes by in said town the ensuing year and act their  
on as they may think proper -
- 8<sup>th</sup> To See if the town will appoint a Surveyor of highways  
instead of Adams Fletcher -
- 9<sup>th</sup> To See if the town will give bounty for Cows Striped  
Squirrels and black birds and act therein as they  
may think proper -

Here of falsenat and make return of this warrant with  
your doing therein unto the select men some time before  
the time appointed for said meeting -  
at Chelmsford aforesaid this fifteenth day  
1<sup>st</sup> May A.D. 1011 -

Jon<sup>a</sup> Perham Selectman  
Josias Whitney  
Abijah Shaldring Chelmsford



Middlesex ss April 27<sup>th</sup> 1811 - Pursuant to this warrant  
I have notified and warned the free holders and  
other inhabitants of said Chelmsford qualified  
by the Constitution to vote for Representatives and  
by law to vote in town affairs to appear at the  
time and place with in mentioned by posting up  
attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town and one at <sup>the house of</sup> the Joel Shadling

Nathaniel Wright } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was another warrant of the same import directed to  
the other constable (viz) Benjamin Byam a copy of which  
was to be posted up at the baptist meeting house in  
Chelmsford which was legally returned -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford May 6<sup>th</sup> 1811

In legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town  
of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote  
for Representative and also by law to vote in town  
affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows  
(viz)

voted to chuse a Representative to represent said  
Chelmsford in the General Court of this Common-  
wealth the year ensuing -

voted For a Representative and the votes were for  
Jonathan Perham one hundred and nineteen 119  
For Cornet Amos Whitney ninety one 91

voted For Moderator and chose William Adams, Esq

voted to dispence the further reading of the warrants  
and proceed to buisness the warrants having  
ben read at the opening of the meeting -

voted to dismiss the article respecting real Chattles &  
commonable beasts going at large -

It was then agreed that the collection of taxes should be  
Let at vendue and struck of to the lowest bidder on  
the following conditions (viz)

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That the collector procure two good and sufficient Sureties in addition to himself and to the acceptance of the Selectmen that the collector should collect & pay in unto the several treasurers the whole of his getable taxes in one year after receiving his tax bill or be intitled to now pay for what remains after that time — and that the collector should be accepted by the town —

the Southend was then setup and struck off to Mr Samuel Parkhurst at one cent and six mills on the Dollar —

The Northend was then setup and struck off to Mr Samuel Parkhurst at two cents on the dollar —

voted To accept of Mr Samuel Parkhurst as collector of taxes for the whole town for the year ensuing —

voted To accept of the Jurors as Sorted by the Selectmen —

voted To put over the fifth article til the next meeting

voted To put over the sixth article to the next meeting —

voted That the invoice be taken in the same way & manner

that it was the last year —

voted for a Surveyor of highways instead of Mr Adams

Fletcher by reason of his having moved out of the District and chose Jonathan Harwood

voted to dismiss the ninth article —

voted to dismiss the meeting —

Accorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

To Mr. Nathaniel Wright, one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford in the County of  
Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forth with to post up attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town and one at the house of Joel  
Shalding in said town to warn and give notice to  
the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified  
by the Constitution to vote for Representatives also those  
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble  
at the meeting house in the middle of the town on  
Monday the twenty third day of September instant  
at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give in their votes for a Representative  
to Represent the Middlesex district in the Commonwealth  
aforesaid in the Congress of the United States -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to settle with  
the town treasurer or act any thing respecting the  
same that the town may think proper -

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant  
with yours doing thereon unto the Selectmen some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting -

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this seventh day of  
September AD 1811 -

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney }  
Abijah Shalding } Chelmsford

Return

Middlesex ss Chelmsford September 23<sup>d</sup> 1811  
Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up attested copies  
of the same one at the meeting house in the middle of  
the town and one at the house of Joel Shalding in said  
town to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants  
qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives  
also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble  
at the time & place within mentioned -

Nathaniel Wright } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



There was another warrant of the same tenor directed to the  
 other Constable (viz) Benjamin Byam a copy of which  
 was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house in  
 Chelmsford which was legally returned—

Recorded by — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Chelmsford September 23<sup>d</sup> 1811

In legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives They gave in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the votes were

For Hon. John L. Sullivan Esq. Sixty nine — 69

Loammi Baldwin Esq. forty four — 44

The town meeting opened to act on town affairs they voted for Moderator and Chose William Adams Esq. voted to postpone the further reading of the warrants having been read at the opening of the meeting voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with the town treasurer before the next March meeting voted that said Committee should consist of two voted for said Committee and Chose William Adams Esq. & William Fletcher voted to disrup the meeting —

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex ss

To Mr. Nathaniel Wright one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex.  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are here by required forthwith to post up attested copies of this  
warrant on at the meeting house in the middle of the town  
and one at Michael Shadings in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representative  
& also by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the  
Meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the fourth day of November next at one of the Clock in  
the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give in their votes unto the  
Selectmen for a Representative to represent the  
Middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in the Congress of the United States
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will make the Road Wilkes Allen some  
compensation for labour done on the Ministerial land
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the Order of Court on a Road laid out from dunstable  
to Blodgets brook in Chelmsford & act thereon as they  
may think proper
  - 4<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will make John L. Sullivan any  
compensation for taking care of Porter Frost while he  
was sick with the Small Pox
- Hereof farewell and make return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the  
time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty sixth day of  
October A.D. 1811

Jonathan Pesham } Selectmen  
of

Amos Whitney } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pesham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Chelmsford December 1<sup>st</sup> 1811

Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up attested  
copies of the same one at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town and one at the Angel Shadings in said  
town to notify and warn the freeholders & other  
inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Representatives & also by Law to vote in town  
affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the  
purposes within mentioned —

Nathaniel Wright } Constable  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was another warrant of the same import directed  
to the other Constable (viz) Benjamin Byam a  
copy of which was to be posted up at the baptist meeting  
house in Chelmsford which was legally returned

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford November 4<sup>th</sup> 1811

In legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court on the above said day they gave in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the votes were

For Lemmi Baldwin Esq fifty seven

William N. Richardson Esq Sixty four.

The town meeting being opened to act on town affairs they  
voted for Moderator & Chose Joel Adams Esq  
voted for Moderator by reason of Joel Adams Esq refusing to serve  
and Chose Rufus Wymann Esq  
voted for moderator by reason of Rufus Wymann Esq refusing  
to serve & Chose Jonathan Perham  
voted to dismiss the second article  
voted to Chuse a Committee to oppose a road being opened that  
is laid out from dunstable to the gets brook in Chelmsford  
So far as it respects the town of Chelmsford or open it if they  
think it most for the interest of the town  
voted said Committee should consist of three  
voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to see to the above  
said road  
voted to adjourn the forth article to the next meeting  
voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

To Cast Benjamin Fletcher & M<sup>r</sup> William Fletcher of  
 Chelmsford. Greeting  
 Whereas the said Selectmen of the town of Chelmsford  
 by virtue of a law of the Commonwealth in such cases  
 made and provided do hereby appoint you to perambulate  
 run and renew the dividing lines between the  
 town of Chelmsford and the town of Billerica  
 and you are to lodge a copy of your proceeding with the  
 Selectmen of Billerica and make return of your proceed-  
 ing into the Clerk's office of said town of Chelmsford as  
 soon as may be

Dated at said Chelmsford this nineteenth day of  
 October AD 1811

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
 Abijah Shadring } of  
 Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford October 21<sup>st</sup> 1811.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Billerica and Committee legally authorized by the Selectmen of Chelmsford hereby certify that we have examined and removed the lines between the said towns and the bounds are as follows (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at a Stake Called the point of Stake.
- 2<sup>ly</sup> a White oak tree at Jonathan Pollards meadow bar
- 3<sup>ly</sup> a heap of stones on a pine stump by the road
- 4<sup>thly</sup> a black oak stump with stones about it by the field of the heirs of the late Timothy Livingstone
- 5<sup>thly</sup> a heap of stones on a great rock by said field
- 6<sup>thly</sup> a dead pine stump with stones about by said field
- 7<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones against William Mornings field in the fence
- 8<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones in the fence by the Grade Road
- 9<sup>thly</sup> a heap of stones on a rock in Doves fence
- 10<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones by Adamses fence
- 11<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones by a wall against said Adamses land
- 12<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones by said Adamses fence
- 13<sup>thly</sup> a Walnut tree in Lebulon Shadings fence
- 14<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones a little distance from the fence
- 15<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones east of Benjamin Adamses land
- 16<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones nigh a bound supposed to be a corner bound of Lots
- 17<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones round it near a white pine tree against Benjamin Adamses land
- 18<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones by the wall against Henry Shadings field
- 19<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones against the Widow Davises field
- 20<sup>thly</sup> a Stake and stones against said field
- 21<sup>stly</sup> a Stake and stones in the widow Davises meadow which is the corner bound

Jonah B. Richardson Selectmen  
 John Crosby Billerica  
 Ben<sup>n</sup> J. Fletcher Committee  
 William Fletcher Chelmsford

Witnessed by Jonathan Peckham  
 Town Clerk

To Capt Benjamin Fletcher & Mr. William Fletcher both of  
 Chelmsford. Greeting  
 We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Chelmsford by  
 virtue of a law of the Commonwealth in such cases made  
 and provided do hereby appoint you to perambulate run  
 and renew the lines between the town of Chelmsford &  
 Syngsbrough and you are to lodge a copy of your  
 proceeding with the town Clerks of each of the said towns  
 also to perambulate run and renew the dividing lines  
 between the town of Westford and the town of Chelmsford  
 and you are to lodge a copy of your proceedings with the  
 town Clerk of Westford and one with the town Clerk of  
 Chelmsford also to perambulate run and renew the dividing  
 line between the town of Chelmsford and Carlisle and you  
 are to lodge a copy of your proceeding with the town Clerk of  
 Chelmsford and one with the town Clerk of Carlisle —  
 All the above mentioned copies are to be lodged with the  
 several Clerks as soon as may be —  
 Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of  
 October A D 1811

Jonathon Perham	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Amos Whitney	
Abijah Spalding	

Recorded by Jonathon Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford October 20<sup>th</sup> 1811

Then we the Subscribers have in bon previously appointed to the buisness proceeded to perambulate the lines and renew the boundaries between the towns of Chelmsford and Tyngsborough which are as follows (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beginning at a large rock at merimack river under the bank
- 2<sup>ly</sup> A large stone by the County road near Jacob Nidders house
- 3<sup>ly</sup> an apple tree by the great road
- 4<sup>thly</sup> A heap of stones at the Southwest corner of Samuel Nidders land
- 5<sup>thly</sup> A white oak tree with stones about it
- 6<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones
- 7<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in tyngs meadow at westford line

Benjamin Fletcher	} Committee of Chelmsford
William Fletcher	
Eben <sup>r</sup> . Baneroff Junior	} Selectmen of Tyngsborough
John Parham	
Joseph Upton	

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford October 29<sup>th</sup> 1811

Then we the Subscribers having been previously appointed to the business procured to perambulate the lines and renew the bounds between the towns of Chelmsford and Westford which are as follows (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> A Stake and Stones in Syngs meadow
- 2<sup>ly</sup> A Stake and Stones
- 3<sup>ly</sup> A Stake and Stones near a pond hole
- 4<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones East of David Hitches
- 5<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones near Isacher Keyes
- 6<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones by Samuel Richardsons wall
- 7<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones South of Capt. Keyes house
- 8<sup>thly</sup> A White oak tree marked by the road that leads from Chelmsford to Westford
- 9<sup>thly</sup> A Chestnut tree marked in Col. Wrights pasture
- 10<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones near Samuel Brown
- 11<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in the Widow Haywoods field
- 12<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in John Manns fields field
- 13<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones on the pond plain
- 14<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones east of Jacob Robbinses
- 15<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones East of Josiah Boyntons at Carlisle line

Benjamin Fletcher	} Committee of
William Fletcher	
Aaron Parker	} Selectmen of
Samuel Davis	
	} Westford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford October 30<sup>th</sup> 1811

Then we the Subscribers having ben previously appointed to the Service proceeded to perambulate the lines and renew the bounds between the town of Chelmsford and Carlisle which are, as follows (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> A Stake and Stones in John Morrisfield's field making the South east corner of Chelmsford and the Northwest corner of Carlisle thence Easterly
- 2<sup>ly</sup> A White Oak tree marked
- 3<sup>ly</sup> A Stake and Stones west of the field that was William Pelsuws
- 4<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in a field that William Pelsuws near William Blasdells
- 5<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in Ebenezer Parkers wood land
- 6<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in wood land that was Elad Proctors
- 7<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in the field that was Elad Proctors
- 8<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in the Widow Elizabeth Barrots pasture
- 9<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones East of the highway leading from Lewis Proctor to the Widow Grosbiers
- 10<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones in the highway between Ruben Parkers and Samuel Wilsons
- 11<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones on the West Side of Amos Ridders field
- 12<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones on the East Side of Amos Ridders field
- 13<sup>thly</sup> A Stake and Stones at Billerica line

Benjamin Fletcher	} Committee of Chelmsford Selectmen of Carlisle
William Fletcher	
John Jacobs	
Timothy Heald	

Recorded by Jonathan Parkers Town Clerk



Notice for Samuel Nathaniel Knight one of the  
 Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County  
 of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required forth with to post up a printed  
 copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
 the middle of the town and one at the West Chalden  
 in said town to notify and warn the free holders and  
 other inhabitants of said town qualified by laws  
 vote for town officers to assemble at the meeting house  
 in the middle of said town on Monday the second  
 day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
 for the purpose of choosing town officers also those  
 qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble  
 at the same time and place to act on the following  
 articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a moderator to govern the meeting
  - 2<sup>dly</sup> To make choice of all town officers that the law
  - 3<sup>dly</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may  
 think necessary for the support of the gospel mini-  
 -try schooling and all other necessary charges in  
 said town the year ensuing and act on any thing  
 thereon that the town may think proper
  - 4<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the schools  
 shall be kept in said town the ensuing year  
 and act thereon as the town may think proper
  - 5<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
 bridges in said town shall be repaired the  
 ensuing year and act thereon as the town may  
 think proper
  - 6<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will let the swine go out large  
 or not and act on any thing thereon that the  
 town may think proper
  - 7<sup>thly</sup> To hear the report of the committee that was  
 chosen by the town to settle with the town treasurer  
 for the year past and act thereon as the town  
 may think proper
  - 8<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the town  
 will support their poor the year ensuing and  
 act on any thing thereon or relative thereto that  
 the town may think proper
  - 9<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Maj<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Howard others  
 to see if the town will divide School District No.  
 three in said town or act on any thing thereon as they  
 may think proper
  - 10<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will indemnify Moses Hall from  
 giving to the town <sup>the money</sup> that was advanced to him as the  
 estate of Benjamin Doctor Cate of Chelmsford or as  
 or act thereon as they may think proper
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11 My To see if the town will express their minds with regard to building a new Court house & gaol in the County of Middlesex or out. their own as they may think proper. Here of falet and make return of this warrant with your giving their own into the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Said Chelmsford aforesaid this tenth day of February A D 1812

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Amos Whitney } of  
Hijah Spalding } Chelmsford

### Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex & Chelmsford February 22<sup>d</sup> - 1812 -

Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up attested Copies of the same one at the meeting house in the middle of said Chelmsford & one at Mr Joel Spaldings in said town to notify the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote for town officers & in town affairs to assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Nathaniel Wright } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same import directed to the other Constable (viz) Benjamin Bygones a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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March Meeting for 1811

Chelmsford, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1812

An legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to act for town officers also to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

voted by ballot for Moderator and chose William Adams  
voted for town Clerk by ballot & chose Jonathan Parker  
voted for selectmen by ballot and chose Jonathan Parker Capt. Elisha Ford. Dr. Oliver Scripture  
voted for town treasurer and chose Jonathan Manning  
voted for Constable for the Southend and chose

Benjamin Byam -

voted for Constable for the Northend and chose

Jonathan Fletcher -

voted for fish wardens and chose 1<sup>st</sup> Josiah Parker

Elijah Richardson Henry S. Parker & Jonathan

Parker 3<sup>d</sup> -

voted to choose the remainder of the town officers by hand vote -

voted to choose a School Committee to consist of nine persons one in each District -

voted for said School Committee & chose for District

No. 1 Ebenezer Spalding No. 2. Cornet Josiah

Fletcher No. 3 - Samuel J. Wood No. 4. Jonathan

Harwood No. 5 - Joseph Putnam No. 6. John

Fletcher No. 7 Peter Marshall No. 8. Andrew

Spalding No. 9. William Adams &

voted for Surveyors of highways and <sup>chose</sup> Ralph Butterfield

Joseph Bailey Luke Bowers Ira Spalding

Joel Parkhurst Ephraim Adams Amos

Byam Jacob Kinsler Eli Parker Peter Marshall

voted to choose three fence viewers -

voted for fence viewers and chose Luke Thompson Joseph

Warren and Capt. Lachens Wright -

voted for field drivers and chose Simon Byam &

James Dunn -

voted for Surveyors of timber and chose Samuel J.

Wood & Nathaniel Tyler Deon Josiah Parkhurst

Capt. Elisha Ford & Moses Hale -

voted for Surveyors of wood and chose Capt. Samuel

Stevens Samuel J. Wood Robert B. Chamberlain

Joseph Warren Amos Proctor & Joseph Smith

voted to choose one more Surveyor of wood & chose

Capt. John Butterfield -

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- voted for hog rears and chose Benjamin Byam Lemuel  
 Lawrence Lebulon Parker James Osbourn & Henry  
 Caburn Jr - - -
- voted for pound keeper & chose William B. Tilton  
 voted to excuse Joel Parkhurst from serving as a surveyor  
 or of highways for the year ensuing and chose  
 Oliver Richardson - - -
- voted for weighers of hay and chose William Adams  
 Capt Josias Pierce Capt Phineas Whiting & Capt  
 Elisha Ford - - -
- voted for inspectors of Lime and chose Capt John  
 Shed Ebenezer Harding William Parker - - -
- voted to postpone the Choice of Collector of taxes til  
 April meeting
- voted for Cullers of Taxes and chose Silas Hoar &  
 Amos Proctor - - -
- voted for tything men and chose Willard Byam &  
 Marcus Perkins - - -
- voted and granted six hundred Dollars for the  
 Support of the gospel ministry - \$600<sup>00</sup>
- voted and granted fourteen hundred and fifty Dollars  
 to defray the necessary Charges of the town for  
 the year ensuing - - - \$1450<sup>00</sup>
- voted and granted eight hundred Dollars to  
 Support the Schools in said town the year  
 ensuing - - - \$800<sup>00</sup>
- voted and granted fifteen hundred Dollars  
 to repair the highways and bridges  
 in said town the year ensuing - \$1500<sup>00</sup>
- voted that the Schools be kept in the same way  
 and manner that they were the last year
- voted that the highways and bridges be repaired  
 in the same way and manner that they  
 were the last year
- voted that the same should not grow at large the  
 year ensuing - - -
- voted to accept the Report of the Committee that  
 was chosen by the town to settle with the  
 town treasurer for the year past
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voted that the poor be let out by the Six months  
or the year or other ways as the Select men  
may think proper —

voted to put over the tenth article til April meeting

voted to put over the Eleventh article til April  
Meeting —

voted to Dismiss the meeting —

(Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk)



Settlement with the treasurer of the town  
of Chelmsford for the year 1811 -

The Committee appointed to settle with the  
town treasurer for the year 1811 have attended  
that service and report as follows (viz)

Ministerial money in the hands of the  
treasurer . . . . . \$74.20

your Committee further find in the hands  
of Ezra Fletcher Collector for 1810 tax - \$397.00

your Committee also find in the hands  
of Samuel Parkhurst Collector for 1811 tax \$384.16

Total ministerial money . . . . . \$855.44

your Committee further find in the  
hands of the treasurer of town and  
School money including including  
one ten Dollar bill of the Farmers  
Exchange bank . . . . . \$23.97

They also find in the hands of Ezra  
Fletcher Collector for 1810 tax . . . . . 348.32

your Committee further find in the  
hands of Samuel Parkhurst Collector  
for 1811 tax . . . . . \$1146.78

They further find due from sundry  
persons . . . . . \$43.94

Total amount due to the treasurer &  
in his hands . . . . . \$1563.81

And your Committee further find in  
the hands of the treasurer amount of  
the United States Six per Cent deferred  
Stock bearing date February 2<sup>d</sup> 1793 and  
No. 2489 the sum of . . . . . \$39.41

All which your Committee submit -

William Adams

William Fletcher

} Committee

Chelmsford February 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Ridgeway & Chelmsford March 2<sup>d</sup> 1812  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Jonathan Petham of said Chelmsford  
personally appeared before me and took  
the several oaths required by law as a town  
Clerk selectman and assessor of said town  
of Chelmsford for the year ensuing  
John Adams Justice

Recorded by Anna Petham Town Clerk

Chelmsford March 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

The following named persons were on the above  
said day in legal town meeting chosen into the  
several offices set against their respective names  
and have appeared and taken the oath prescrib-  
ed to the office in to which they are chosen  
agreeable to law -

May<sup>r</sup> of Howard  
chosen April 6<sup>th</sup> 1812  
sworn the 11<sup>th</sup>

Oliver Scripture } selectmen  
Nathaniel Howard } assessors

Jonathan Manning } town treasurer

Benjamin Byam } constables

Henry S. Parker } parish warden  
Jonathan Parker 3<sup>d</sup>

Ralph Butterfield } surveyors  
Ira Spading  
Ephraim Adams  
Amos Byam  
Jacob Stedder  
Eli Parker  
Peter Marshall  
Luke Bown  
Oliver Richardson

of  
Highways



Capt. Zachus Wright  
 Luke Shornon

} Home viewers

Simon Byam

} Field drivers

Samuel Shwood  
 Sam Josiah Parkhurst

} Surveyors  
 of  
 lumber

Capt Samuel Stevens  
 Samuel Shwood  
 Joseph Warren  
 Jose Smith  
 Capt John Butterfield

} Surveyors  
 of  
 Wood

Benjamin Byam  
 James Osbourn

} Hogsheads

} Hogsheads of Hay

Capt John Shed

} Inspectors of lime

} Cutlers  
 of  
 staves

Willard Byam

} Laying man

Abijah Spalding

} Dealer of weights & measures

Abijah Spalding  
 Sworn June 23<sup>d</sup>  
 1812

Abijah Spalding

} Collector of Taxes

The above named persons were sworn and their  
 names Recorded by Jos: Parkhurst Town Clerk  
 Adt William Bridge Chosen pound keeper April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 1812 and sworn April 14<sup>th</sup> 1812 before me  
 Jos: Parkhurst Town Clerk

William Dunn was Chosen Fish warden for the town of  
 Chelmsford April 6<sup>th</sup> 1812 and sworn as the Law directs  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> 1812 before me  
 Jonathan Parkhurst Town Clerk

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Middlesex Co. So. Mr Nathaniel Knight one of the  
Comptrolers of the town of Chelmsford within the County  
of Middlesex, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to provide attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in  
the middle of the town and one at Mr Jett's dwelling in  
said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders  
other inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Governor Lieut Governor Senators & Rep-  
resentatives also those qualified by law to vote for town  
officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday the  
Sixth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles agreeable to their quali-  
fications (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup>ly To those qualified to give in their votes into the Select  
men for Governor & Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts & for Commissioners and Senators for the  
County of Middlesex for the year ensuing
- 2<sup>d</sup>ly To Chuse a Moderator
- 3<sup>d</sup>ly To Give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of  
Middlesex
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly To fill up all vacant town officers
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly To give in into the Assessors a true and just invoice  
of all their poles and Rateable property to make the  
taxes by in said town the ensuing year and act  
thereon as the town may think proper
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will have the highway tax made by  
the last years invoice also to see what the price of  
labour at the highways shall be by the day for the  
year ensuing and act thereon as the town may  
think proper
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will take up the articles agreed at  
at March meeting to April meeting & act thereon  
as the town may think proper
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will grant a sum of money in  
addition to what was granted at March meeting to  
defray the necessary expenses of the town for the year  
ensuing and act thereon as the town may think  
proper
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly at the Request of Major Nathaniel Howard & others to see if  
the town will divide School district No 3 or act any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly at the Request of Ben John Shadings & others to see if the  
town will vote that all the accounts brought against the  
town which are allowed by the Selectmen shall be paid in  
open town meeting and act thereon as the town  
may think proper
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will divide the highway district in  
the town or act any thing thereon that the town may think  
proper
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will take any method to obtain the specie  
for a note of the united states six percent deferd stock that  
is in the hands of the town treasurer and act any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper



- 13<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will prohibit neel Challes & commonable  
 beasts grazing on the highway or do any thing their own  
 or relative their to that the town may think proper —
- 14<sup>thly</sup> at the Request of Samuel Marshall jr to see if the town  
 will abate Ephraim Butters his taxes for the year 1801
- 15<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will direct the town treasurer to call on  
 Mr Ezra Fletcher Collector for 1810 tax and order him to  
 take town orders for ministerial money and do any thing  
 their own or relative their to that the town may think  
 proper —

Bore of jail not and make return of this warrant with your  
 doings their unto the selectmen some time before the  
 time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty first day of March 1812

Jonathon Perham } selectmen

Oliver Scripture } of Chelmsford

Return of the meeting warrant

Chelmsford March 27. 1812 Pursuant to this warrant  
 I have posted up attested copies of the same one at the  
 meeting house in the middle of the town & one at the  
 jail. & having in said town to notify and warn the  
 freeholders & other inhabitants qualified as with in,  
 expressed to assemble at the time and place & for  
 the purposes within mentioned —

Nathaniel Wright } Constable

Recorded by Jonathon Perham Town Clerk } of Chelmsford

This was another warrant of the same import  
 directed to the other Constable (viz) Benjamin  
 Byam a copy of which was to be posted up at the  
 Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which  
 was legally returned —

Recorded by Jonathon Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford April 6<sup>th</sup> 1812

A legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

those qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & also for Senators and Councillors for the County of Middlesex gave in their votes for the afore said officers and the votes were for —

Governor	{	His Excellency Elbridge Gerry one hundred & fifteen —
		Hon Caleb Strong one hundred and twenty —
Lieut.	{	Hon William Phillips one hundred and fourteen
Governor		Hon William King one hundred and six —
Senators and Councillors for the County of Middlesex	{	Hon Samuel Dana one hundred and four
		Matthew Bridge one hundred and four
		John L Tuttle one hundred and three
		Josiah Bartlet one hundred and nine
		Asahel Stearns one hundred and seven —
		Loureni Baldwin one hundred and eight —
		Joseph Locke one

The meeting being open to act on town affairs they voted for Moderator & Chore Asahel Stearns Esq voted for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the votes were for

for	{	Abiel Heywood Esq	97
		John L Tuttle Esq	63
		William Phillips	1

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voted To Excuse Capt Elish Ford from serving as a

Selutman for this year ensuing ~ ~ ~

voted for a Selutman & Chose Major Nathaniel Howard

voted for a Constable for the north end and Chose

Ebenezer Adams ~

voted for fish wardens and Chose Jonah Fletcher 3<sup>d</sup>

and William Dunn ~

voted for pound keeper in stead of William B. Fletcher

and Chose Azariah Proctor

voted that the invoice be taken in the same way

and manner that it were the last year

voted To Excuse Azariah Proctor from serving as  
pound keeper ~

voted for pound keeper & Chose William Bridge in  
his stead ~

voted that the tenth article in the man & man  
warrant be put over til may meeting ~

voted to put over the Eleventh article in March  
warrant til may meeting

voted To dismiss the ninth article

voted To Reconsider the vote that was past to dismiss  
the ninth article

voted to put over the ninth article til the next  
Meeting ~

voted that the highway tax be made by the last  
years invoice ~

voted that the price of labour at the highways  
be the same that it was the last year

voted that the meeting be a Court til the  
Thursday following the first Monday of  
May next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
then to meet in the meeting house in the  
Middle of said Town ~

Recorded by Jonathon Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford, May 7<sup>th</sup> 1892

At legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day agreeable to agreement they proceeded as follows (viz)

Abraham Stearns Esq being present the moderator of the meeting voted to excuse Ebenezer Adams from serving as constable for the year ensuing

voted for constable and Charles Marshall Knight

voted that the collection of taxes for the current year be set at an auction and struck off to the lowest bidder - that he procure good and sufficient bondsman to the satisfaction of the selectmen and that the collector be accepted by the town

voted that the southend be set at first

the southend was then set at and struck off to Simon Bloodet at one cent and seven mills on the dollar

voted to accept of Mr. Abijah Shalding as collector of taxes for the current year upon Mr. Simon Bloodet's bid

the northend was then set at and struck off Mr. Abijah Shalding at one cent eleven mills on the dollar -

voted to accept of Mr. Abijah Shalding as collector of taxes for the current year

voted that the selectmen be directed to receive of Mr. Moses Hale such articles as he shall deliver to them and which was inventoried to him as the property of Benjamin Proctor late of Chelmsford deceased and being the property of the widow Bethiah Proctor deceased and direct to him their

voted to dismiss the eleventh article in the March meeting warrant

voted and granted three hundred and fifty dollars in addition to what was granted at March meeting last to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the current year \$350

voted that the treasurer of the town be directed to borrow a sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars upon the credit of the town and to be paid as soon as it can conveniently be assessed and collected and paid in

voted to divide School district No. 3 into two School districts

voted that those persons on the westwardly side of the turnpike road together with Dan Gould & Mr. Benjamin Gould belong to the westwardly district and to be called School District No. 3 and those on the eastwardly side of the turnpike road belong to the eastwardly district and to be called School District No. 10

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voted to dismiss the tenth article  
voted that the highway district in the center of the town be divided  
voted that there be a committee appointed to divide the highway  
district in the middle of the town and R. road to the town  
at the next meeting  
voted for said committee and chose Capt Josiah Blitcher  
Joseph Bailey & Jonathan Manning  
voted that meet Chatter should not go at large  
voted that the Representative (viz) Corbet A. was admitted to be admitted  
and requested to take a note of the United States Tax Mr. Clint  
defend stock that is in the hands of the town treasurer and  
dispose of it at his discretion and put the money if any he gets  
for it into the treasury of the town  
voted that meet Chatter and Commorable beards be shut up from town  
after the last day of May in instant until the last day of November  
next  
voted to dismiss the tenth article  
voted that the town treasurer be directed to call on Mr. E. G. M. Blitcher  
Collector for A. D. 1810 tax and take town orders for money  
- al money and make a settlement with him  
voted to excuse Mr. Joseph Bailey from serving as surveyor of  
highways for the year ensuing  
voted for surveyor of highways and chose John Pitts Jr  
voted to excuse John Pitts Jr. from serving as surveyor of highways  
voted for surveyor of highways and chose John Adams Esq  
voted to dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex

to Nathaniel Knight one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Essex

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby required to cause to be selected a select meeting of the  
town one at the meeting house in the middle of the town  
and one at the great meetings in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Monday the fourth day of May next at two  
o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles  
viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable  
person or persons to represent them in the General  
Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year or at  
any thing therein that the town may think proper

2<sup>ly</sup> To choose a moderator

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will express their minds in regard  
to their being again built across Merrimack river  
it or near the head of Merrimack falls and set any  
thing therein or relative thereto that the town may think  
proper

Hereof take note and make return of this warrant  
with your doing therein unto the Selectmen in some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Ordered at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty third day of  
April AD 1812

Jonathan Perkins

Oliver Scribner

Nathaniel Hazard

Selectmen  
of

Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk



## Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex & Chelmsford April 25th 1812

Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up an attested copy of the same one at the meeting house in the middle of the town & one at Michael Shadings in said town to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified or within five miles to assemble at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned.

Mathew Knight

Constable

of

Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same import directed to the other Constable (viz) Benjamin Byorn a copy of which was to be posted up at the baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford May 4<sup>th</sup> 1812

In legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives also those qualified by said to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz) -

voted to make choice of some suitable person to Represent the town in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing - - - - -

voted for a Representative and the votes were - - -

for	{	Cornet Amos Whitney	122
		William Adams Esq	89
		Jonathan Perham	2

and Cornet Amos Whitney was chosen -  
voted for Moderator and chose Isahel Stearns Esq

voted that the Selectmen be directed to Remonstrate against their being a dam built across Merimack River at or near Northcutt falls - - -

voted that the Representative be instructed to use his influence to prevent a dam being built across Merimack River at or near Northcutt falls

voted to dismiss the meeting - - - - -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex To Ensign Benjamin Byam constable of the  
town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
herby required forthwith to post up attested copies of  
this warrant one at the meetinghouse in the middle of the  
town one at the free school in said town and one at  
the baptist meetinghouse in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town  
qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives  
also those qualified by law to vote for town officers & in town  
affairs to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of the town  
on Monday the second day of November next at one o'clock  
in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To those qualified by the constitution to give in their votes  
unto the selectmen for a Representation to represent the  
middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in the congress of the united States —

2<sup>dly</sup> To Chuse a moderator —

3<sup>dly</sup> At the request of Mr Jonathan Manning & others to see if the  
town will make their Mr Kilhus Allen some consideration in  
money or in wood or act any thing therein that the town  
may think proper —

4<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to wait on a  
Committee that has been appointed by the the Court of General  
Sessions of the peace to view a place for a contemplated road  
from Chelmsford meetinghouse to Shilstone corner in  
bxford or near it also a place for a contemplated road from  
Pillieria line to Sotony brook in Chelmsford or act any  
thing therein or relative thereto that the town may think  
proper —

5<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to make their  
annual Settlement with the town treasurer also to examine  
the accounts for which the orders have been drawn and act  
therein as the town may think proper —

Here of sale not and make return of this warrant with  
your doings therein unto the selectmen some time before  
the time appointed for said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals at Chelmsford aforesaid  
this nineteenth day of October AD 1712 —

Jonathan Perham

Oliver Scripture

Nathaniel Howard

selectmen

of

Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Return of the finding warrant

Riddlesey ps

Chelmsford November 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up  
three attested copies of this warrant at the places  
within mentioned

Benjamin Byam

} Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Don<sup>o</sup> Perkins Town Clerk



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Chelmsford November 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

at a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives to the general court They gave in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the middlesex district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the votes were —

For { William M. Richardson Esq fifty five  
Asahel Stearns Esq one hundred and nineteen  
Joseph Locke Esq one —

The meeting being opened to act on town affairs those qualified by law to vote for moderator and in town affairs proceeded as follows (viz)

voted by ballot for moderator and Chose Asahel Stearns Esq —

voted To pass over the third article and take up the fourth

voted To Chuse a Committee of three to wait on a Court Committee that has been appointed by the Court of Sessions to view a place for a contemplated road from Chelmsford meetinghouse to Shiltons corner so called or near it also from Billerica line to Stormy brook in Chelmsford

voted for said Committee and Chose Aaron Chamberlain Junr. Capt Phineas Whiting & Joseph Bailey

voted To Chuse a Committee of three to make their annual Settlements with the town treasurer —

voted for said Committee and Chose Abijah Spalding Capt Josiah Fletcher & Rufus Nymann Esq —

voted that said Committee be directed to examine and find how many out standing orders there be and to see what the state of the treasury is and report to the town

voted To dismiss the third article —

voted That the report of the Committee that were Chosen by the town at a former meeting to divide highway district in the center of the be put on file to be acted upon at a future meeting —

voted To dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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 [25] Middlesex, So. Essex Benjamin Byam constable of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

[25] In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts <sup>Greeting</sup> to you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at St. Pauls Church in said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives to the general court of this Commonwealth to assemble on Thursday the twelfth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in unto the Selectmen their votes for five Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States -

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting -  
 given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this thirtieth day of October, 1812

Olive Scripture } Selectmen  
 Nathaniel Howard }  
 Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Return of the prices in 1812

Middlesex, Chelmsford October 31st 1812

in obedience to the within warrant I have posted up three attested copies of the same at the places within named -

Benjamin Byam } Constable  
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 Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford November 12<sup>th</sup> 1812

agreeable to a resolve of this Commonwealth the Inhabitants of Chelmsford being duly convened in legal town meeting on the above said day proceeded to the Chair of Electors of President & vice president of the United States of America and the votes were for —

Names

Suffolk

Number of votes

Hon. Harrison Gray Esq of Boston one hundred & eighteen

Essex

Hon. Nathan Dane of Beverly one hundred & eighteen

Hon Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport one hundred & eighteen

Middlesex

Abraham Bigelow Esq of Cambridge one hundred & eighteen

John Walker Esq of Burlington one hundred & eighteen

Hon William Gray of Boston sixteen

Hon Samuel Brown of Boston sixteen

Moses Townsend Esq of Salem sixteen

William Pierce of Gloucester sixteen

Samuel Hoar of Lincoln sixteen

voted to dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Anna Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex J<sup>r</sup> To Benjamin Byorn constable of the  
town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex

Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meetinghouse  
in the middle of said town one at Mr Joel Shadings  
in said town and one at the baptist meetinghouse  
in said town to warn and give notice to the freemen  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by  
law to vote for town officers and in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town on Monday the fourth day of January  
next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup>ly To see what method the town will adopt to obtain  
the establishment or location of a road from Chelmsford  
meetinghouse to the new road from Lexington in  
Bedford as prayed for by Samuel Adams and others  
or act any thing thereon they may think proper
- 3<sup>d</sup>ly To see what sum of money the town will grant to  
procure the location of said road and act any thing  
thereon or relative thereto that they may think  
proper —
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will oppose the establishment of  
a contemplated road from Chelmsford to the  
Schoolhouse near Joseph Trask's house in  
Billerica and act any thing thereon that they  
may think proper —

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant  
with your answers thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting —

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty first day of  
December A D 1812 —

Jonathan Perham

Oliver Scripture

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Selectmen

of

Chelmsford



Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex. Chelmsford December 22<sup>d</sup> 1812 -

In obedience to the within warrant I posted on the 22<sup>d</sup> instant an attested copy of this warrant at the house of Mr Joel Spalding in said town also on the 23<sup>d</sup> instant at half past one o'clock P.M. I posted a copy of this warrant at the Baptist Meeting house in said town also on the same day I posted one at the meeting house in the middle of said town

Benjamin Byam

Constable

of

Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said town on the fourth day of January A.D. 1813 the following votes were taken (viz)

voted For Moderator and Chose Joel Adams Esqr -

voted To Chuse a Committee to use their influence to obtain the establishment of a road as prayed for by Samuel Adams and others from Chelmsford meeting house through Billerica to Miltons corner in Bedford

voted To Chuse a committee to consist of three persons

voted for said committee & chose Asahel Starns Esqr

Azariah Spalding and Aaron Chamberlain Junr

voted and granted one thousand dollars to be appropriated to and for the purpose of making the above said road in the town of Billerica -

voted That the aforesaid committee be instructed to oppose the road being established through the town of Chelmsford as is prayed for by the Selectmen of Billerica -

voted To adjourn the meeting with out day -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk -

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Middlesex Es. Benjamin Byrnes Constable of the town  
of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex -  
Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required for the with to post up attested  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the  
middle of said town and one at the old Shding, in  
said town and one at the baptist meetinghouse in  
said town to warn and give notice to the freemen  
and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law  
to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble  
at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on  
monday the fourth day of January next at  
three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles (viz)

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting -
- 2dly at the request of Capt John Todd & others to see if  
the town will alter the road from Linet Cyrus Badwin  
Stone to the head of Merrimack river below the  
bridge over black brook so called and act thereon as  
the town may think proper -
- 3dly To see if the town will build a new bridge over  
black brook so called or act any thing thereon that  
they may think proper -

Hereof take notice and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting -

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth  
day of December A D 1812

Jonathan Perharn } Selectmen

Oliver Scripture } 4

Nathaniel Howard } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perharn Town Clerk



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Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex & Chelmsford December 26<sup>th</sup> 1812

In obedience to the within warrant I posted on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant an attested copy of this warrant at Mr. Joel Shadings in Chelmsford also the same day I posted one at the Baptist meetinghouse in said town also on the same day I posted one at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town —

Benjamin Bygones

Constable

of

Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Petham Town Clerk —

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for town officers & in town affairs holden at the meeting house in the middle of said town on the fourth day of January A D 1813 the following votes were passed (viz)

- voted for Moderator and chose Joel Adams Esqr
- voted To Chuse a committee to view a place for a contemplated road from Lieut. Cyrus Baldwin's store to the bend of the river below Black brook so called and estimate what the expense will be provided the town should make a road or alter the old road and report to the town —
- voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the above mentioned service —
- voted that the above mentioned committee be instructed to request of Andrew exage Esqr what he will do towards making said road —
- voted that the Selectmen be a committee to view the bridge over black brook and report to the town the situation of said bridge —
- voted To adjourn the meeting without day —

Recorded by Jonathan Petham Town Clerk

Warrant of the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex - - Granting the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts one copy required for the use of each selectman and one for the warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the jail and one at the Court house in said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the first day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz) - - -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting - - -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make choice of all town officers that the law requires - - -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the committee that was chosen by the town to settle with the <sup>other</sup> ~~treasurer~~ and act thereon as the town may think proper - - -
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may think proper for the supporting gospel ministry schooling and all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon as they may think proper
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see in what way in manner the school shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper - - -
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act thereon as they may think proper - - -
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let the swine go at large or not and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper - - -
- 8<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee that was chosen by the town to divide the highway district in the center of the town and act any thing thereon <sup>as the town</sup> ~~that the town~~ may think proper
- 9<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr. Amos Spaulding Capt. James Pitts William Adams and Jonathan Perham to see if the town will grant permission to them to build a house in the burying ground in the middle of the town and act thereon as the town may think proper

Hereof full, old and undoubted return of the warrant with your doings thereon into the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting -  
 Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this fifteenth day of February A.D. 1813

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
 Oliver Scriffling } of  
 Nathaniel Howard } Chelmsford

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



The foregoing warrant was recorded by

----- Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Return of the preceding warrant -----

Middlesex vs Chelmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1813

I have complied with the within directions by posting up attested copies in the following manner (viz) ~~one~~ on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February last I posted up one at the meeting house in the middle of the town also on the same day I posted one at Mr. Joel Spaldings in said town likewise on the eighteenth day I posted one at the baptis meeting house in said town

Benjamin Byars

} Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk -----

## March meeting for A.D. 1813

Chelmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1813

Resolved That all the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for town officers also to vote in town affairs on the above said day they have voted as follows (viz)

voted <sup>by ballot</sup> for moderator and chose Abiel Sherman Esq. - - -

voted To dispense the further reading of the warrant and proceed <sup>to</sup> business - - -

voted ~~For town clerk~~ By ballot for town clerk and chose Jonathan Perkins - - -

voted To excuse Jonathan Perkins from serving as town clerk for the year ensuing - - -

voted <sup>by ballot</sup> By ballot for town clerk and chose Nathaniel Howard

voted For Selectmen and chose Nathaniel Howard

Samuel Stevens and Abijah Spalding - - -

voted By ballot for town treasurer and chose Jonathan Sharning - - -

voted To excuse Jonathan Sharning from serving as treasurer for the ensuing year - - -

voted By ballot for town treasure and chose Amariah Spalding - - -

voted <sup>for</sup> By ballot ~~of~~ constable for the south end of the town and chose Eben<sup>r</sup> Parker - - -

voted By ballot for constable for the north end of the town and chose Artamias Holders - - -

voted To choose eight fishwardens - - -

voted By ballot for fish wardens and chose Zebulon Parker Joseph Pierce Levi Fletcher Peter Marshall Brooke Livingstone Amos Byans Williams B. Fletcher and Joseph Parker - - -

voted That all the remainder of the town officers shall be chosen by hand vote <sup>district</sup> - - -

voted for Small Committee and chose in N<sup>o</sup> 1 Caleb

Robert N<sup>o</sup> 2 Amos Thalding in N<sup>o</sup> 3 Oliver

Richardson in N<sup>o</sup> 4 Eben<sup>r</sup> Parker in N<sup>o</sup> 5

Dea John Spalding in N<sup>o</sup> 6 Joshua Hunt

Cary for wood



Adj Henry S Parker in No 8 Samson Stevens  
in No 9 Robert B Chamberlin in No 10 Nathaniel  
Howard - - - - -

voted To accept of the report ~~respecting the~~ of the Committee respecting  
the highway District in the middle of the town - - -

voted For Surveyors of highways and chose Johnson Davis  
Joseph Bailey Jonathan Fletcher Joseph Spalding Andrew  
Parkhurst William Laws Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Parkhurst  
Luke Thompson Capt<sup>t</sup> Zachens Wright Silas Moors  
and Lt<sup>t</sup> Joseph Parker - - - - -

voted For fence viewers and chose Elisha Richardson and  
~~Warren~~ Joseph Warren - - - - -

voted For pieldrivers and chose William Bridge and  
Jacob Fielder - - - - -

voted For Surveyors of lumber and chose Samuel Wood Jonathan  
Tyler Amiah Proctor Capt<sup>t</sup> Elisha Ford Lt<sup>t</sup> Josiah  
Parkhurst - - - - -

voted For Surveyors of wood and chose Amiah Spalding  
Samuel Wood Moses Hale Joseph Warren Capt<sup>t</sup> ~~Stevens~~  
Lt<sup>t</sup> Samuel Stevens and Robert B Chamberlin - - -

voted For Haymeasures and chose Joel Mansfield Thomas  
Coburn William Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Solomon Manning  
John Vinson Robert B Chamberlin Joseph Spalding  
and Jonathan Parker 4<sup>th</sup> - - - - -

voted For Pound keeper and chose William B Fletcher - - -

voted For weighers of hay and chose William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Capt<sup>t</sup> Elisha Ford Capt<sup>t</sup> Jonas Pierce Capt<sup>t</sup> Phineas  
Whitney - - - - -

voted For Surveyors of lime and chose Capt<sup>t</sup> John Thed  
William Parker Simon Byam - - - - -

voted To adjourn the collectors of taxes until April meet-  
ing - - - - -

voted For rulers of Staves and chose <sup>Atty</sup> Hoar Artemus  
Holden - - - - -

voted For lithering men and chose Willard Byam  
Capt<sup>t</sup> Samuel Stevens - - - - -

voted To raise the sum of <sup>dollars</sup> six hundred for the sup-  
port of the Gospel ministry for the ensuing year  
- - - - -

\$6000.00

brought over

- voted To raise the sum of one thousand and eight hundred dollars towards defraying the necessary expenses of the town the ensuing year - - - - - \$ 1800 "00
- voted To raise the sum of eight hundred dollars for the support of the schools the ensuing year - - - - - \$ 800 "00
- voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the highways - - - - - \$ 1500 "00
- voted To accept of the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town to settle with the town treasurer - -
- voted That the Selectmen shall direct in which districts the grammar school shall be kept the ensuing year - -
- voted That each school district draw the taxes upon the inhabitants assessed for support of schools and be expended for that purpose in the same respectively and the same proportion of the money be appropriated for the women school - - - - -
- voted That the highways be repaired in the same way ~~and~~ they were the last year and the price of labour be the same - - - -
- voted Not to allow swine to go at large the year ensuing - - - -
- voted To choose a committee to take the matter respecting the burying ground into consideration and report the next meeting - - - - -
- voted And chose Rufus Wyman Esq: Joel Adams Esq: and Cyrus Baldwin for their committee - - - - -
- voted To have the highway tax made by the last years invoice
- voted To dismiss the meeting - - - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk - - -

Nathaniel Howard took the oath as Town clerk in open town meeting immediately after he was chosen before any other vote was past in the above meeting

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk



Settlement with the treasurer of the town of Chelmsford  
for the year 1812 --

The committee appointed to settle with the town treasurer  
for the year 1812 having attended that service  
and report as follows (viz)

Ministerial money in the hands of Mr Samuel  
Parkhurst collector for the year 1811 tax -- \$ 58 70

In the hands of Abijah Shalding collector for  
the year 1812 tax -- -- -- -- 216 20

Total ministerial money in the hands of the  
collectors -- -- -- -- \$ 274 90

Ministerial money taken for the use of the town  
agreeable to a vote of the town -- -- -- \$ 262 04

For which sum the ~~town~~ treasurer has accounted  
to the town -- -- --

Your committee further find in the hands of  
the treasurer of the town and school money in-  
cluding one ten dollar bill of Farmers exchange  
bank and two dollars of New Hampshire money. 49 92

Your committee further find in the hands of Ab-  
ijah Shalding collector for 1812 tax -- \$ 2036 91

Due from sundry persons -- -- -- \$ 59 16

Total amount of town and school money -- \$ 2145 99

Your committee also find by the best information  
they have been able to obtain of out standing orders  
and demands against the town to the amount of \$ 2123 47

Leaving a balance in the hands of the town of the  
sum of -- -- -- \$ 22 52

All which your committee submit

Abijah Shalding }  
Josiah Fletcher } Committee

Chelmsford February 27<sup>th</sup> 1813 --

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being a Committee chosen at a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford holden on the seventh day of May last past for the purpose of dividing the highway district in the center of the town and to report at the next town meeting we have accordingly attended to the business assigned us and beg leave to report as follows --

That it is our opinion that it will be most convenient to divide it as follows --

That all the roads east of Middlesex Turnpike belonging to said district shall constitute one district and that all the inhabitants belonging to said roads together with St. Joseph Parker the place where John Vincent now lives the toll house and the Store which Timothy Davis now occupies together with the property belonging to said persons within said bounds shall be considered to pay their highway taxes in the above described District --

Dated at Chelmsford June 25<sup>th</sup> 1812

Josiah Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Joseph Bailey  
 J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hemming

} Committee

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlesex 12<sup>th</sup> March 1813 -

Our Major Nathaniel Howard one of the Selectmen of the town of Chelmsford in said County personally appeared and made oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of his said office respecting all elections and the returns thereof --

Before me

Stefus Wymann Justice

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



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Chelmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1813

The following named persons were on the above said day  
in legal town meeting chosen into the several offices. It  
against their respective names and have appeared and taken  
in the oath prescribed to the office into which they are chosen  
agreeable to law - - - - -

Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk took the oath in open  
town meeting

March

2

2

11

April  
23

Sworn  
in before  
court

Nathaniel Howard

Capt Samuel Stevens

Abijah Spalding

Select men  
and assessors

12

Azariah Spalding

Town treasurer

9

Antemas Holen

Cheney Parker

Constables

me 5

April 19

Levi Fletcher

Fishwardens

10

Johnson Davis

Capt. Laurens Wright

Andrew Parkhurst

Oliver Parkhurst

Luke Thompson

Joseph Spalding

1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Parker

2<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Fletcher

3<sup>d</sup> Abel Adams

Joseph Bailey

William Loring jun<sup>r</sup>

Surveyors of  
highways

April 24

May 12

1810

Elijah Richardson

November 25<sup>th</sup> Joseph Warren

Tree viewers

Capt William Bridge

Field drivers

Dr. Jonathan Tyler

Mariah Prater

Dr. Josiah Potholmst

Samuel H Wood

Surveyors at  
Lumber

Samuel H Wood

April 12 Robert B Chamberlin

April 23 Capt Samuel Stevens

Surveyors of wood

Salomon Hemming

John Vinson

April 12 Robert B Chamberlin

Hog reaves

Pound keeper

Capt Jonas Pierce

Whippers of hay



March

10

Capt. John Shed

Inspector  
 Surveyor of Lime

15

Tilas Hoar

Cutters of Slaves

Nothing men

Abijah Spalding --- Sealer of weights & measures

August 7<sup>th</sup> Doct. Oliver Scripture } Collector  
 of  
 Taxes

The above named persons were sworn and  
 recorded by Nathaniel Howard Towns clerk

*Seal* Middlesex ss. ss. The undersigned Holders one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

*Seal* In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up an attested copy of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of said Town and one at the house of Mr. Spalding in said Town to warn and give notice to the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators and Representatives also those who are qualified by the Law to vote ~~to vote~~ for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the followings articles agreeable to their qualifications (viz) - - - - -

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified to give in ~~into~~ their votes unto the Selectmen for Governor Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing - - - - -
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting - - - - -
- 3<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex - - - - -
- 4<sup>th</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers - - - - -
- 5<sup>th</sup> To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make the taxes by the in said Town the ensuing year and cut thereon as the Town may think proper - - - - -
- 6<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen at March meeting respecting the building of tombs in the burying ground and cut thereon as the Town may think proper - - - - -
- 7<sup>th</sup> At the request of Capt. Phineas Whiting and others to see if the Town will vote ~~to~~ that the Town meeting for the choice of the representatives to the General Court ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> be held on the first Thursday of May next and cut thereon as the Town may think proper - - - - -

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen sometime before the time appointed for said meeting - - - - -

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of March AD 1813

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Samuel Stevens } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

\* - - - -

Look to this receipt page for the return of the above warrant



Middlesex vs Chelmsford March 27<sup>th</sup> 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two attested copies of ~~the~~ the within warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at Mr Joel Shalding in said town - - -

Artemas Holden Constable - - -  
 Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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There was another warrant of the same import of the foregoing ~~one~~ which was directed to the other Constable (viz) E. Benjamin Bryan a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford and was legally returned - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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~~The above named persons were sworn and their names recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk~~

Chelmsford April 5<sup>th</sup> 1813

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

have qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and also for Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex gave in their votes for the aforesaid officers and the votes were for —

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Governor	{	Ho <sup>ll</sup> Caleb Strong Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred and fifty one - - - - 151
		Ho <sup>ll</sup> Joseph B Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety three - - - - 93

Lieut. Governor	{	Ho <sup>ll</sup> William Phillips Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred & fifty one - - - 151
		Ho <sup>ll</sup> William Strong Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety three - - - - 93

Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex	{	Josiah Bartlet Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred and fifty one - - - - 151
		Isaac Stearns Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred and <del>forty</del> forty seven - - - 147
		Samuel Baldwin Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred and fifty one - - - 151
		Samuel Hoar Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety three 93
		W <sup>m</sup> Edmund Foster ninety three 93
		Timothy Fuller Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety three 93
		Joseph Locke Esq <sup>r</sup> four - - - - 4

\* The town voted to have the votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators all on one ticket - - - -

For the remaining part of April meeting see next page



After the foregoing officers were voted for the meeting stands open to transact town business and the town proceeded as follows  
(viz) - - - - -

Voted For moderator and chose Nathaniel Howard - - - - -

Voted For county treasurer and the votes were for  
Abiel Haywood Esq<sup>r</sup> - - - - - 116  
Benjamin ~~Prescott~~ Prescott - - - - - 52  
Col<sup>l</sup> John Buttrick - - - - - 1

Voted To adjourn all the articles in the warrant excepting the last article to May meeting - - - - -

Voted To have the meeting for choosing representatives to the General Court on the first Thursday of May next - - - - -

Voted To adjourn the meeting to the first Thursday in May next - - - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlesex Co April 19<sup>th</sup> 1813

I certify that Major Nathaniel Howard was duly sworn as an Assessor of the Town of Chelmsford the ensuing year before me.

Asahel Stearns

Justice of the Peace -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk





Chelmsford May 6<sup>th</sup> 1813

In legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court and also those who are qualified to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted To send one Representative to the General Court

Voted For Representative and the votes were

For Cornet James Whitney - - - - - 109

William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> - - - - - 31

M<sup>r</sup> John Perkins - - - - - 24

And Cornet James Whitney was Chosen - -

Voted For Moderator and Chose Jonathan Perkins Esq<sup>r</sup> - -

Voted To dispence with the further reading the warrant and proceed to business - - - - -

Voted That the Collection of the taxes be let and as it was the last year

~~Voted~~ The Collection of the taxes for the south end of the town were put up at public auction to be struck off to the lowest bidder on the dollar upon conditions that the town will accept of him by his giving sufficient bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen and was struck off to Ezra Fletcher at one cent and eight mills - \$00 108

voted Not to accept of Ezra Fletcher as Collector - - - - -

The Collection of taxes for the South end of the town was put up again and struck off to David Oliver Scripture at one cent and nine mills on the dollar -

Voted To accept of David Oliver Scripture as Collector for the South end of the town - \$00 109

Voted Not to allow Ezra Fletcher to bid on the Collection of taxes - - - - -

The Collection of taxes for the north end of the town was put up at auction and struck off to David Oliver Scripture at two cents and four mills \$00 204

Voted To accept of David Oliver Scripture as Collector for the north end of the town - - - - -

Voted That the Invoice be taken in the same way and manner it was the last year - - - - -

Voted To accept of the report of the Committee respecting the building of a tomb in the grave yard in the middle of the town by leaving it with the Selectmen to make such

- Voted alterations as they shall think proper - - - - -  
 Voted To dismiss the article respecting the military money - - -  
 Voted To refer the highway district to the next meeting - - -  
 Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to divide the highway  
 district in which Lucius Thompson is surveyor - - - - -  
 Voted To instruct the Representative to use his exertions towards  
 getting the law repealed which authorizes the pay out of  
 of the Representatives out of the ~~Public~~ Public Chest - - -  
 Voted To dismiss the seventh article in the warrant - - - -  
 Voted To refer the eighth article in the warrant to the  
 Selectmen - - - - -  
 Voted That Mr. John Adams have liberty to build a tomb  
 in in the graveyard near the school meeting house  
 under the direction of the Selectmen - - - - -  
 Voted To accept of the report of the Selectmen in laying  
 out a road from Billinaca line to near Capt.  
 Chera's place & holding house and out to the old road - -  
 Voted To adjourn the article respecting the road through  
 the bridge across to the bend of the River to the next  
 meeting - - - - -  
 Voted To prohibit meat cattle and commonable beast  
 going ~~at large~~ on the common the ensuing year - -  
 Voted To dismiss the meeting - - - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Middlesex of

To Ensign Benjamin Byans one of the Constables  
 of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
 Greeting — — —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
 hereby required, forthwith to post up an attested copy of this warrant  
 at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give  
 notice to the free holders and other inhabitants of said town  
 who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
 to the General Court also those who are qualified by law to vote  
 in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the  
 middle of the town on Thursday the sixth day of May next  
 at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles  
 (viz) — — —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable  
 person or persons to represent this town in the general  
 Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year and act  
 thereon as the town may think proper — — —
- 2<sup>d</sup> To <sup>choose</sup> a moderator to govern the meeting — — —
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the town will take up the business which was  
 adjourned at April meeting to next meeting and  
 act thereon as the town may think proper — — —
- 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of Capt. Tallbridge & others to see if  
 the town will vote that there may be paid into the town trea-  
 sury by the military & soldiers shall be expended in such a  
 manner as to have each ~~town~~ military company have the  
 benefit of the money they pay and act thereon as the town may  
 think proper — — —
- 5<sup>th</sup> At the request of Simon Bledget and others to see if  
 the town will divide the highway district in the northwesterly  
 part of the town in which Luke Thompson is surveyor  
 and act thereon as the town may think proper — — —
- 6<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr. William Fletcher and others will in-  
 struct their Representative or Representatives to use  
 their exertions to get the law repealed authorising  
 the pay of the Representatives out of public Chest and  
 act thereon as the town may think proper — — —
- 7<sup>th</sup> At the request of Abijah Shallding to see if the town will  
 give him some directions respecting the collection of the  
 ministerial taxes of those persons who have got Certifi-  
 cates of their being members of a Religious Society in  
 Dorset <sup>and</sup> act thereon as the town may think proper — — —

- 2<sup>thly</sup> To see what the town will do respecting opening the road which has been laid out by the board of selectmen from Blackledge brook to Springfield line and act thereon as the town may think proper - - - - -
- 7<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr. John Adams to see if the town will grant him liberty to build a tomb in the burying yard near the Baptist meeting house and act thereon as the town may think proper - - - - -
- 10<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Lt. Samuel Adams and others to see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the selectmen some time since from near Capt. Thos. & Abiah Spaldings house to Millisana lane near Henry Spaldings house and act thereon as the town may think proper - - - - -
- 11<sup>thly</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was chosen at a former meeting to view a place for a road from ~~near~~ Cyrus Baldwin & sons store to the bend of the river below black brook bridge and to view said bridge and to act anything thereon the town may think proper - - - - -
- 12<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will prohibit meat cattle and commonable beasts going at large or act anything thereon the town may think proper - - - - -

Hereof find not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty third day of April A D 1813

Nathaniel Howard }  
 Samuel Stearns } Titutness  
 of  
 Abigail Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Return of the foregoing warrant - - -  
 Middlesex ss Chelmsford April 24<sup>th</sup> 1813

In obedience to the within directions I posted an attested copy of this warrant at the Baptist Meeting house in said Chelmsford -

Benjamin Byars Constable

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



There was another warrant of the same import of the foregoing which was delivered to the other constable (viz.) W. F. Arlemas Holders directing him to ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> copies one at the meeting house in the middle of said town of Chelmsford and one at the house of Mr. Joel Spalding in said town and the warrant was legal returned —

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## Highway laid out — — — —

— Chelmsford May 5<sup>th</sup> 1813

Pursuant to a petition of St. Samuel Adams and others We the subscribers having this day viewed and laid out a Road for the use of the town as follows (viz.) —

Beginning at a small maple tree marked with a stake and stones by said tree at Billiraea line on land of Henry Spalding just ~~west~~ <sup>partly east</sup> from said Spalding's house thence running northwardly on said Spalding's land and crossing a small corner of Dr. John Spalding's land and crossing an other lot of said Henry Spalding and on to land of Joseph Adams and running across ~~the~~ said Adams meadows just below the bend of the brook and on to land of said Dr. Spalding to a small black oak tree marked near the top of a ridge hill and on to land of Capt. Sherabish Spalding to a small elm tree marked near the east end of said Capt. Spalding's house and out to the Road which leads from said Spalding to Chelmsford Meetinghouse — — — —

The above mentioned bounds are in the centre of the Road and the Road to be three rods wide

Nathaniel Howard	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Samuel Stevens	
Abijah Spalding	

It is ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~straight~~ The Road runs as straight as could conveniently be laid out with out compass

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## Report --- Tombs ---

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> and others for leave to build tombs in the grave yard near the middle of the town of Chelmsford beg leave to report as follows ---

That your Committee have viewed the grave yard near the middle of the town of Chelmsford and find a site upon the westwardly part thereof which is elevated conspicuous and convenient for the building of eighteen or twenty tombs - It is believed that the proposed site may be used for graves and if it could that it may be more economically appropriated for tombs. They would be ornamental to the grave yard, form sacred depositories of the ashes of our deceased townsmen and respected friends - monuments honourable to the dead perpetuating the memory of their virtues and informing our children's children where their fathers ~~rest~~ sleep ---

Your Committee therefore are of opinion that <sup>the</sup> prayer of the petition be granted your committee would recommend that the following directions be observed in erecting the tombs and that permission ~~be granted~~ to the petitioners and to others hereafter making similar requests be granted upon these conditions ---

That a ~~horizontal~~ horizontal line between two stakes near marked trees be drawn for the base of a front wall which shall be four feet in height to which shall be added a hemmiced stone cap of the height of six inches that the ~~face of~~ faces of the parties of the front wall of the several tombs shall be divided by stone pillars ten inches wide projecting two inches in front of the base

That the space between the pillars be filled up with new stone or hammers ~~broken~~ broken bricks leaving a niche for a black slate for inscriptions which shall be two feet in length and one in breadth ---

That the partition walls be two feet in thickness untill they rise within two feet of the base of the front wall that the top of the arched ceiling upon its ~~inner~~ under side be eighteen <sup>inches</sup> above said base



base line - If however any person wish to make a flat ceiling he may further continue the partition wall one foot in thickness leaving the other foot suitable for springing an arch - - -  
 That partition walls be seven feet apart in the clear.

Mepus Wymann	}	Committee
Joel Adams		
Cyrus Baldwin		

Recorded by - Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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Return of the preceding warrant - - - - -

Middlesex for Cheshamstead May 22<sup>d</sup> 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant, it I have this day posted up an attested copy of ~~the warrant~~ it at the place within mentioned - - - - -

As per as Holden Constable

Recorded by - - Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk -

There was an other warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing warrant which was delivered to the other constable (viz) Ensign Benjamin Rogers which directed him to post up one copy at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in ~~the same~~ said town and the warrant was legally returned - - - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

~~Middlesex for Cheshamstead~~

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Town meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> 1813 - - - -

In legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of  
Chelmsford who are qualified by law to vote for town  
officers and in town affairs held on the thirty first day  
of May AD 1813 they proceeded as follows (viz) - - -

Voted For moderator and chose Capt. Jonathan Perham - - -

Voted To discontinue the further reading the warrants - - - -

Voted Not to accept of the proceedings of the selectmen  
respecting <sup>regulating</sup> ~~the regulation~~ of the ferry boys - - - -

Voted That the selectmen be added to the list of jurors - - -

Voted To accept of the list of jurors - - - - -

Voted To put the third article in the warrant over to the next  
town meeting - - - - -

Voted To put the fourth article in the warrant over to  
the next town meeting - - - - -

Voted To Chuse a committee to view the bell clock of the  
meeting house in the middle of the tower and  
make such repairs as shall be necessary - - - -

Voted That the committee consist of three - - - -

~~Voted That the above committee consist of three~~ - - -

Voted For a committee and chose Doct. Rufus Wyman  
Voted To excuse Doct. Rufus Wyman from serving as a  
committee man - - - - -

Voted And chose Capt. Jonathan Perham for one of  
the committee - - - - -

Voted And chose Doct. Josiah Parkhurst - - - -

Voted And chose Capt. James Pitts for one of the  
committee - - - - - <sup>Pitts</sup>

Voted Not to ~~accept~~ excuse Capt. <sup>Pitts</sup> from serving - - - -

Voted To ~~revoke~~ <sup>renew</sup> the last vote - - - - -

Voted To ~~revoke~~ excuse Capt. James Pitts - - - - -

Voted and chose Henry Coker for one of the committee - - - -

Voted that the sixth and last article be dismissed - - -

Voted To Dismiss the meeting - - - - -

Recorded by Nathaniel <sup>Howard</sup> Town Clerk - - -



We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford at a meeting this day holden for the purpose having licensed and do hereby license Mr. Abijah Shalding of said Chelmsford to sell at public vendue or out any any goods or chattels whatsoever pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16<sup>th</sup> 1795 —

Given under our hands and the seventh day of June A.D. 1813 —

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Samuel Stevens } of

Chelmsford  
Passed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Constables oath - - -

Middlesex & Chelmsford June 15<sup>th</sup> 1813

I certify that Ebenezer Parker was duly sworn before me this day as a Constable for the Town of Chelmsford for the present year &c

Asa W. Stevens Justice Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of Chelmsford at a meeting this day holden for the purpose have ~~been~~ licensed and do hereby license Mr. Ebenezer Parker of said Chelmsford to sell at public vendue or entering the farms and other property of Mr. Joseph Parker of said town pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16<sup>th</sup> 1795 —

Given under our hands and the fourth day of October, 1813 —

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Saml. Stevens } of  
Abijah Shalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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School money --

Chelmsford June 29<sup>th</sup> 1813

The money which was voted by the town for the support of Schools the ensuing <sup>year</sup> is this day apportioned <sup>by the selectmen</sup> among the several Districts in proportion to what each District pays in the following manner (viz) -----

No. of Districts	For men School	For Women School	Sum Total
1	\$89.. 80	\$44.. 89	\$134.. 69
2	102.. 82	39.. 50	142.. 32
3	44.. 32	22.. 00	66.. 32
4	61.. 66	26.. 00	87.. 66
5	47.. 74	17.. 85	65.. 59
6	42.. 31	17.. 73	60.. 04
7	57.. 18	20.. 50	77.. 68
8	28.. 83	8.. 75	37.. 58
9	38.. 48	10.. 37	48.. 85
10	55.. 16	24.. 11	79.. 27
			<hr/> \$ 800.. 00

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk --



We the Subscribers have proceed by a agreement to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between Chatsworth and Tyngsborough as follows (viz) —

Beginning at <sup>a</sup> large rock at Heronmark River by Wickman falls - thence to a large rock on the westerly side of the County Road near Jacob Kidders house thence by said Road to a <sup>up</sup>pt tree near the house of Isaac Chamberlin <sup>first</sup> thence to a stone with stones about it thence to a stone with stones about it. thence to a stone with stones about it. thence to a stone with stones about it. thence to a stone with stones about it. thence to a stake and stones by a large rock - thence to a stake and stones thence to a stake and stones in Tyngs meadow so called being the corner between Chatsworth and Westford. The above Perambulation was taken agreeable to the plan of Chatsworth and Tyngsborough - made by Fredric French Esq<sup>r</sup> in November 1794 —  
Tyngsborough June 30<sup>th</sup> 1813

Nathaniel Howard	}	Selestians
Samuel Stevens		of
Abijah Thalding	}	Chatsworth

Joseph Winton	}	Selestians
Ebenezer Bancroft <sup>first</sup>		of
	}	Tyngsborough

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Towns Clerk —

The above lines was run by Solomon Orford Surveyor

Said Warrant for Mr. Thomas Holders one of the Comrades  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required, together with to fast up an  
attested Copy of this warrant as at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town and as at the  
house of Mr. Joel Spalding in said town to read  
and give notice to the freeholders and other in-  
habitants of said town who are qualified by law  
to vote for town officers and in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town on Monday the fourth day of  
October next at two o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will raise a sum of money  
for the purpose of opening the road which has  
been layed out by a Court Committee from  
Blackstone brook to Dunstable or act any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper
- 3<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will choose a committee  
to make an annual settlement with the town  
treasurer or act any thing thereon as the town  
may think proper
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will take up the article  
which was adjourned at the last town meeting  
to the next town meeting and act thereon,  
as the town may think proper

Please to pay and make return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the select-  
men some time before the time appointed  
for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty  
third day of September A D 1813

Nathaniel Howard	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Lambert Stevens	
Najiah Spalding	

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Return of the preceding warrants

Middlebury for Chelmsford September 25<sup>th</sup> 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of the same one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the house of Mr. Joel Spedding in said town

Antimus Holden Constable

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

There was another warrant of the same import of the foregoing delivered to the other constable (viz)

Mr. Ebenezer Parker a copy of which was to be posted up at the Baptist meeting house in Chelmsford which was legally returned

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Chilmark October 24<sup>th</sup> 1813

The legal town meeting of the inhabitants of  
said town had the following order (viz.)

Resolved That Nathaniel Howard and Ebenezer Howard

be authorized to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth that a jury be appointed to determine the necessity and convenience of said road and assess the damages in the same way and manner as might have been done within the limits of the statute

Resolved To charge a committee to attend with the  
treasurer

Resolved That Asahel Stearns be one of the committee

Resolved That Capt. Josiah Fletcher be one

Resolved That there be one more added to the committee

Resolved That Rufus Wyman Esq. be one

Resolved That so much of the fourth article in the  
warrant as respects the inhabitants of Danvers  
be dismissed

Resolved That the Selectmen be authorized to lay  
out a road from the old road by  
Baldwin's store to the head of the River  
and make report at the next town  
meeting

Resolved That this meeting be dissolved

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



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Chilmark January 24<sup>th</sup> 1814

Indeget town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said ~~day~~ town of Chilmark held on the above day first the following votes (viz) -----

Voted For moderator and clerk Nathaniel Howard -----

Voted That the letter received from Cambridge be read -----

Voted That the town of Chilmark join with the town of Concord in petitioning the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make the town of Concord a Shire town -----

Voted That the Representative be instructed to use his influence in getting the town of Concord a Shire town -----

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to join with the town of Concord in petitioning the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make Concord a Shire town -----

Voted Not to accept of the Report of the Selectmen in laying out the Road through the Craigie farms -----

Voted To accept of the Report of the Committee respecting the highway district by placing the lower bridge to the west district and the upper bridge to the east district -----

Voted That this meeting be dismissed -----

Resolved by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The following is a list of the names of the members of the town of Concord in the year 1780.

1<sup>st</sup> The names of the members of the town of Concord in the year 1780 are hereby required to be forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at Baptist meeting house in said town to w<sup>ch</sup> and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town that it is required by law to vote for town officers and in towns where it is expedient at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the twenty first day of January 1781 at one o'clock in the afternoon to enter the following articles (viz) —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting —
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will join with the town of Concord in petitioning the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make the town of Concord a Shire town of Middlesex County agreeable to a circular letter received from the town of Concord and sent therein as the town may think proper —
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road which has been laid out by the Selectmen from the store of Corns Beldwins Poyt to the head of the river below said brook and cut their own as the town may think proper —
- 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was chosen by the town to divide the highway district in the town into parts of the town in which Luke Thompson is surveyor and cut their own as the town may think proper —

These of said not need make returns of this warrant with your doings there on unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting —

Dated at Concord aforesaid this fourteenth day of January A.D. 1781

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
of

Lucius Stevens } Concord

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



constables return of the foregoing warrant

Middlebury N. H. - January 24<sup>th</sup> 1814

I present to the within warrant & have noted up two copies of the warrant one at the highest meeting house and one at the meeting house in the middle of the town in Chelmsford according to the within directions

Edw. F. Parker Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing warrant which was directed to the other constable (viz) Wm. Tolman Holden which was legally returned

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Shidder and others to divide the highway district in the northwesterly part of the town as within have Thompson's Surveyor has come to report as follows

That your committee have viewed the Roads and bridges in said district and that in our opinion it will be convenient to have said district divided in the following manner (viz)

That all the Roads and bridges in said district east of Stony brook including the bridges over said brook as far as the centre of said bridges shall constitute one district

That all the Roads and bridges ~~west of Stony brook~~ in said district west of Stony brook including the bridges as far as the centre of said bridges shall constitute one district

And that all the inhabitants shall pay their highway taxes in the district in which they live

Chelmsford November 26<sup>th</sup> 1813

Nathaniel Howard

Saml. Stevens

Committee

The above report was accepted by the town by placing the lower bridge to the west district and the upper bridge to the east district Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1814

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Chelmsford May 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Let it be, but request of Abijah Chelmsford and other petitioners for leave to build Tombs on the grave yard in the middle of the town to have the line altered for building said Tombs —

We the subscribers & petitioners of said Chelmsford have viewed the ground for said Tombs and make the following alterations (viz)

Set down a stake a number of feet in front of the line which was drawn by the Towns Committee but not moved on to the graves said stake is to be in the centre between the south <sup>and</sup> north end of the grave yard and the Tombs are to be built as follows —

On each side of said stake is a circular line to the corner stakes which was set down by the Committee which was passed by the Towns & the corner stake at the southwardly end of the yard is near a small black oak tree just above the graves of the colour ed people and the stake at the northwardly end of the yard is just above the graves near the School house —

Nathaniel Howard } Petitioner  
of

Abijah Chelmsford } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

For explanation see page 161



Seal Middlesex Co. v. M. Ebenezer Parker one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Seal Middlesex —

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required forth with to post up two attested copies  
of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said  
town to warron and give notice to the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town  
officers and in law appears to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday the sev-  
enth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to  
act on the following articles (viz) —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting —
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the law requires —
- 3<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was chosen  
by the town to settle with town treasurer and act thereon  
as the town may think proper —
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may think  
proper for the support of the Goshill ministry & sing-  
ling and all other necessary wages in said town for  
the year ensuing and act thereon as the town  
may think proper —
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see in what way in manner the schools shall be  
kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon  
as the town may think proper —
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in said town shall be repaired the year  
ensuing and act thereon as the town may think  
proper —
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let the swine go at large the  
ensuing year as the town may think proper —
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see in what way the poor in said town shall be su-  
ported the year ensuing and act thereon as the town  
may think proper —
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will accept of a road which has been  
laid out by the Selectmen from near the house of  
Rosa Adams to the old road near the house of John  
Adams and act thereon as the town may think  
proper —
- 10<sup>th</sup> At the request of Joseph Warren and others to see if  
the town will open the road from the brook ~~near~~  
neigh

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might the H. Daniel Warren to the mill road so  
called and not there as in the law is every thing for  
Term of trial and make return of this warrant  
with your earnings there as into the clerk's office some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Chelmsford  
aforesaid the twenty fourth day of February

A.D. 1814

Nathaniel Howard { Elector  
Saml. Stevens } of  
Elizabethtown { Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Return of the above warrant

Chelmsford March 7<sup>th</sup> 1814

In obedience to the within warrant I have had  
up two copies of the within warrant one at the  
sup<sup>r</sup> Court's house and one at the meeting house  
in the middle of said town according to the within  
directions

Elizabethtown Parker Constable  
of Chelmsford

There was one other warrant of the same import  
date and import of the foregoing directed to  
the other Constable (viz) M<sup>r</sup>. Artemas Holden  
copy of which was to be posted at the house of  
M<sup>r</sup>. Joel Spalding and in Chelmsford and  
was legally returned

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# March meeting AD 1814

Chilmark March 7<sup>th</sup> 1814

In legal town meeting of the freeholder and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> hold on said day and past the following votes (viz) —

voted For moderator and chose David Stearns Esq.

voted That the names of the voters be shut when they vote

voted To reconsider the vote which was past to shut the names

voted By ballot for town clerk and chose Nathaniel Howard

voted To chose three selectmen for the year ensuing

voted By ballot for first selectmen and chose Nathaniel Howard

voted By ballot for second selectmen and chose Capt. Samuel Stearns

voted By ballot for third selectmen and chose Abijah Spalding

voted By ballot for town treasurer and chose Amosiah Spalding

voted To chose two constables for the year ensuing

voted By ballot for constable for the south end of the town for the ensuing year and chose Amos Bygones

voted By ballot for constable for the north end of the town and chose Artemus Holden

voted To chose eight fishwardens

voted That the fish wardens to be voted for be all on one ticket

voted By ballot for fishwardens and chose Capt. John Butterfield - Michael Spalding - Simon Blackget - Samuel Parkhurst, Stephen Pinner, Lt. Caleb Abbott, Ephraim Asquith, Mayr Joseph Fletcher

voted That the remainder of the town officers be chosen by ballot vote

voted For School Committee and chose in District No. 1

Dea. Oliver Emmons No. 2 Nathaniel Tyler No. 3

Capt. John Butterfield No. 4 Capt. Laurens Wright

No. 5 Abner Spalding No. 6 Amos Bygones

No. 7

(184) A. 7 Peter Churchill A. 8 Pauline & Galding  
A. 9 Isaac Chamberlin Junr A. 10 Cyrus  
Waldwin Esq. —

voted For Surveyors of highways and shore Isaac  
Galding, Jonathan Per Can. Esq. Lt. Jonathan  
Tyler Esq. Isaac Chamberlin, John Parkhurst.  
Daniel Parker Isaac Adams Esq. a Blodget.  
Simon Blodget, Artemas Parker, Man. Hale  
Timothy Davis —

voted To reconsider the vote by which they have joined  
Chamberlin as surveyors of highways.

voted And chose Isaac Galding as Surveyor of highways.

voted To have four free viewers —

voted For free viewers and chose James Robinson.  
Capt. Joseph Rawers, Nathan Butterfield, Capt.  
John Shed —

voted To have four field viewers —

voted And chose William Bridge, Capt. Ebenezer  
Shed, Simon Blodget, Capt. Phineas Whiting —

voted To have six Surveyors of lumber —

voted For Surveyors of Lumber and chose Samuel  
A. Wood Lt. Jonathan Tyler, Stephen Procter,  
Capt. Elisha Ford, S. J. Chamberlin Parkhurst —

voted To have six measurers of wood —

voted For measurers of wood and chose Stephen  
Galding, Capt. A. Wood Chamberlin Butterfield.  
Joseph Warren Capt. Samuel Adams, Capt.  
John Shed —

voted To have one more measurer of wood —

voted And chose Robert B. Chamberlin measurer  
of wood —

voted To have eight Haymeasures —

voted For Haymeasures and chose Isaac Hameroff  
Isaac Galding, Capt. William Stetson.

Ephraim Adams, Daniel Parker, Isaac  
Adams, Willard Byam, Capt. Isaac Chamberlin

voted For pound keeper and chose William B. Stetson —



- voted To choose four weighers of hay and straw William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>, Capt. Elisha Ford, Capt. Phineas Whiting, Capt. Jonas Pierce
- voted To choose three inspectors of lime and stone Capt. John Red William Parker, John Carttoss
- voted To put off the collection of taxes until a April meeting
- voted To choose four millers of flaves and straw John Wright, Elias Hoar, Stephen Filders, Capt. James Red
- voted To choose two Tythingmen and chose David Dutton, Willard Byam
- voted To choose a constable from serving as constable
- voted For constable for the south end of the town and chose Capt. James Pitts
- voted To accept of the report of the committee which was chosen to make a settlement with the treasurer
- voted To raise three hundred dollars for the support of the Gospel ministry the ensuing year - \$300 00
- voted To raise the sum of two hundred and twenty two hundred dollars to pay the expense of the town the ensuing year - \$2200 00
- voted To raise the sum of nine hundred dollars for the use of Schooling - \$900 00
- voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing the roads and bridges the ensuing year - \$1500 00
- voted That the grammar schools be kept in the same Districts they were the last year
- voted <sup>School</sup> That each district draw the taxes upon the inhabitants assessed for support of schools and be expended for that purpose in the same respectively and the same proportion of the money be appropriated for the common school
- voted That the highways be repaired in the same way and manner they were the last year and the price of labor be the same
- voted That the highway tax be made by the last years Invoice
- voted Not to let some go at large the ensuing year
- voted That the accounts for supporting the poor be closed the first Monday in February annually
- voted

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voted To accept of the report of the selectmen in laying  
out the Road near Isaac Adams on condition  
the town ~~shall~~ shall be at no expense for any thing  
but marking the Road

voted That the Road in the north article be accepted  
the town being at no expense for the same

voted That this meeting be adjourned

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## Settlement with the town Treasurer A.D. 1814

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Town of Guilford and make a settlement with the Treasurer of said town for 1813 have attended to that business and respectfully report as follows. (viz)

That the Ministerial money actually received at the treasury not used for the purposes to which it was appropriated but paid by the late treasurer for taxes, expenses agreeable to the vote of the town was - - - - - \$ 262.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Money of Samuel Parkhurst  
Collector in full for ministerial  
taxes of 1811 - - - - - 58.<sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Money received of Abigail Shalding  
Collector in full for ministerial  
taxes of 1812 - - - - - 216.<sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Ministerial money received - - - - - \$ 536.<sup>90</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

That the following payments out  
of the ministerial money have  
been made viz

To the Rev. Wilkes Allen by order  
of the Selectmen - - - - - \$ 125.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

To the Rev. John Shalding by order  
of the Selectmen - - - - - 15.<sup>99</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

To Mr. Azariah Procter by order  
of the Selectmen - - - - - 21.<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Ministerial money paid out - - - - - 162.<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Leaving of ministerial money in the treasury - - - - - \$ 374.<sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

That the ministerial taxes of 1813  
committed to Dea. Oliver Scripture  
and unpaid are - - - - - 627.<sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Making of Ministerial money - - - - - \$ 1002.<sup>02</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

That the following expenditures  
remain to be paid out of the same  
viz - To the Rev. Wilkes Allen - - - - - \$ 375.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

To the Rev. John Perkins - - - - - 32.<sup>79</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

To the Rev. John Shalding - - - - - 14.<sup>22</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

To Azariah Procter - - - - - 25.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

447.<sup>01</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Leaving of Ministerial money unexpended \$ 555.<sup>01</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Your committee further report that  
the Town and School money remaining  
in the treasury last settlement was... \$ 37<sup>92</sup>  
Four bank bills of no value - - - - - \$ 12<sup>00</sup>

One United States Note deferred six  
percent stock value unknown - - -  
Money received of Abijah Shading  
Collector in part of town taxes of 1812 - - 1785<sup>18</sup>

Money of sundry persons indebted to  
the Town - - - - - 92<sup>10</sup>  
Town and School money received - - - - 1835<sup>20</sup>

And the following payments out of Town  
and School money have been made viz -  
Transferred to Ministerial money paid  
for Town expenses - - - - - \$ 262<sup>04</sup>  
Money paid to order of Schoolmen - - - 2031<sup>16</sup> 2293<sup>20</sup>

Town and School money paid out - - -  
Making a deficiency of Town & School  
money of - - - - - \$ 458<sup>10</sup>

That the taxes <sup>of</sup> for 1812 for Town and  
School money committed to Abijah  
Shading and no paid viz - - - - \$ 473<sup>89</sup>

Taxes of 1813 for Town and School  
money are committed to Seth Oliver -  
Scripture and no paid one - - - - 2736<sup>56</sup>

Money due from sundry persons to  
the Town is fifty two dollars and 63<sup>100</sup> of  
which are good only - - - - 40<sup>00</sup>

Making of Town and School money <sup>paid in</sup> not  
paid in leaving of Town and School  
Leaving of Town and School money - - - \$ 2789<sup>14</sup>

That the following expenditures and  
demands remain to be paid out of  
the same (viz)

The committee having no means  
of ascertaining the amount of out stand-  
ing orders drawn previously to  
the present year have estimated the  
same at - - - - - \$ 350<sup>00</sup>

Amount of out standing orders  
drawn the present year - - - - 1422<sup>68</sup>

A Town Note due Caleb Abbot  
\$ 125<sup>00</sup>  
Interest - - - - 13<sup>00</sup> 138<sup>00</sup>



Amount due Caleb Abbott since 1810  
about - - - - - \$ 300<sup>00</sup>  
Other demands against the Town 750<sup>00</sup>

Demands against the Town - - - \$2960<sup>68</sup>  
Making the deficiency of Town and  
School money - - - - - \$171<sup>23</sup>  
Ministerial money unexpended is - - - 555<sup>01</sup>  
Leaving money unexpended - - - - \$383<sup>70</sup>

Your committee further report that  
the balance of Militia money in the  
Treasury last Settlement was - - - \$ 3<sup>50</sup>

Money paid by sundry persons  
(conditionally) exempted from Mil-  
itary duty - - - - - 10<sup>00</sup>

Militia money in the Treasury - - - \$ 13<sup>50</sup>

Your committee further report  
that the money received of Abijah  
Shelding Collector for tax of School  
District N<sup>o</sup> 10 is - - - - - \$325<sup>36</sup>

Money paid to order of Committee  
of said District - - - - - 325<sup>36</sup>

Remainder of said School district  
tax unpaid - - - - - 000<sup>00</sup>

Money of School district N<sup>o</sup> 10 un-  
expended - - - - - 64<sup>81</sup>

64<sup>81</sup>

Memorandum -

Town order N<sup>o</sup> 92 dated Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1814  
Ministerial do N<sup>o</sup> 8 dated Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1814  
School order N<sup>o</sup> 36 dated Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1814

were the last drawn orders included in the above  
Statement

Your committee further report that from the for-  
going statement W<sup>m</sup>. Foxonian Shelding Treasurer  
of Town ought to be charged as follows viz -

With Ministerial money  
received - - - - - \$536<sup>94</sup>

See next page

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With Town and School Money  
received - - - - - \$1835.20  
With Militia Money received - - - 13.50  
With Money of School district No. 12 325.36

Money received - - - - - \$2711.00

That said Treasurer ought to have allowance as follows viz -

For money paid for the support  
of the Gospel Ministry - - - - \$162.74  
For money paid for Town expenses  
and the support of Schools - - - 2293.20  
For Money paid for School District  
No 10 - - - - - 325.36

Money paid out - - - - - 2701.30

Leaving a balance in favour  
of said Treasurer - - - - - \$ 79.30

all which is respectfully submitted by  
Josiah Fletcher  
Nathan Hymers } Committee

Assented to by  
Josiah Spalding Treasurer

Chilmark Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1814

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Highway

(191)

Pursuant to a petition of Isaac Adams and others we the subscribers have viewed and laid out for the use of the town of Chelmsford a town way as follows viz -

Beginning at a stake and stones at the said road which leads from Isaac Adams house to John Adams house, thence running across land of said Isaac Adams near the east end of said Adams <sup>house</sup> and a north-  
~~westwardly~~ <sup>wardly</sup> course and across land of John Adams to a stake and stones standing ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> north-  
wardly from John Adams well near his house and out to the said road

The road to lay on the westwardly side ~~side~~ of said course and to be two rods wide

Dated Chelmsford January 28<sup>th</sup> 1814

Nathaniel Howard	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Saml. Stearns	
Abijah Spalding	

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Wilmington, N. H. July 1844

The following named persons were on the above day in legal town meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have taken the oath before the authorities to the offices unto which they are chosen agreeable to laws viz.

Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk. Has sworn in open town meeting

March 17 Nathaniel Howard }  
 17 Capt Samuel Stearns } Selectmen  
 17 Abijah Spalding }  
 17 Jeremiah Spalding - Town Treasurer

March 9 Mr Thomas Holdens } Constables  
 17 Capt James Pitts }  
 17 Stephen Pierce }  
 17 Epiphanius Caspell } Fishwardens

17 Abijah Spalding }  
 " Jonathan Parkman Esq }  
 " Jonathan Tyler }  
 " Abijah Spalding }  
 " John Parkhurst } Surveyors of highways  
 " Daniel Parker }  
 " Ebenezer Woodget }  
 " Simon Woodget }  
 " Artemus Parker }  
 " Thomas Hale }  
 April 14 Capt Isaac Adams }



March 17 Nathaniel Butterick  
April 4 James Robbins } Time viewers

March 17 William Bridge } Field drivers

16 Samuel F Wood  
17 Dr. Jonathan Tyler  
17 Dr. Josiah Parkhurst } Snowyons of lumber

18 Samuel F Wood  
April 21 Capt. Samuel Stearns } Measurers of wood

March 7 Capt. Isaac Chamberlin  
17 Isaac Barns  
17 Capt. William Fletcher  
17 Ephraim Adams  
17 Daniel Parker } Flagrives

-- Daniel Parker

April 23 Luke Thompson } Whippers of hay

March 17 William Parker  
April 14 Capt. John Shed } Inspectors of lime

1914 John Wright  
March 27

Colleges of Science

17 Willard Byam

Colleges of Science

The above named persons were sworn and  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlebury to Chittenden County March 17th 1814

Then Major Nathaniel Howard one of the  
electors of said Chittenden County personally appeared  
and made oath faithfully and impartially  
to discharge the duties of his said office respecting  
all Elections and the returns thereof.

Before me

Proper Officer, not a Justice

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

April 21 { Capt. Samuel Stevens } Sworn as  
              { Abijah Spalding } Assessors

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Dea. Oliver Smith sworn as collector of taxes  
September 12th 1814

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# April meeting

Chilmark April 14<sup>th</sup> 1814

In legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who were qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and <sup>and</sup> Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex they proceeded as follows —

Voted To have the names for Governor Lt. Governor and Senators all on one ticket

Voted For Governor Lt. Governor and Senators and Councillors and the votes were

For Governor	{	Hon. Ewellmy Caleb Strong ----	151
		Hon. Samuel Dexter Esq. ---	100
		Hon. Jacob B. Varnum Esq. ---	1

Lieut. Governor	{	Hon. William Phillips Esq. -----	151
		Hon. William Gray Esq. ---	101

Councillors	{	Hon. Josiah Bartlett Esq. ---	150
		Hon. Asahel Stearns Esq. ---	147
		Samuel Baldwin Esq. ---	140
		Hon. Samuel Hoar Esq. ---	101
		Hon. Edmund Foster ---	101

Senators for the County of Middlesex	{	Hon. Timothy Fuller Esq. ---	101
		Joseph Locke Esq. ---	1

For the remaining part of April meeting see next page

196<sup>th</sup> the meeting for to transact town affairs now  
stand adjourned and proceeded to choose a moderator.

Voted For moderator and chose Rufus Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted For County Treasurer and the votes were

For Abel Haywood Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . 112

For John Huges Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . 67

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the fourth day  
of the present month at one o'clock in  
the afternoon at this place

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1844

At a legal town meeting held on  
this day by adjournment from the fourth day  
of April. At 8 o'clock this day Rufus Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup> was  
moderator and now being present proceeded as  
follows —

Voted To adjourn with the choosing of fishwardens —

Voted to choose Timothy David (now serving) as surveyor  
of highways —

Voted For Surveyor of highways and chose E<sup>st</sup>. Henry T  
Parker —

Voted To choose one field driver —

Voted For field driver and chose Solomon Byans —

Voted To choose an additional Surveyor of Lumber —

Voted And chose Luke Brown as Surveyor of Lumber —

Voted To choose William B. Fisher as Pound keeper —

Voted For Pound keeper and chose Stephen Pine Jr<sup>th</sup> —

Voted To choose Capt. William Adams as weigher of hay —

Voted For weigher of hay and chose Luke Thompson —

Voted To choose a miller of staves and chose Elmer

Shalding —

Voted To choose seven fishwards —

Voted For fishwards and chose E<sup>st</sup>. Benjamin Byans

David Perkins Timothy Paul Nathan Butterick

John Vincent Daniel Turk —

Voted Not to choose any other fishwardens —

Voted That the Collection of taxes be let out at auction  
in the same way and manner it was the last  
year



quest with the addition that the collector have no  
pay for collecting what shall remain due after one  
year from the time he shall receive his taxes

The collection of taxes for the south end of the town was  
put up at the lowest bidder and was bid off by Capt.  
Heraclius Haddings at one cent and ~~some~~ nine  
mills on the dollar

The collection of taxes ~~for~~ for the north end of the  
town was put up and was bid off by S<sup>r</sup> Oliver  
Christman at three cents and nine mills on the dollar  
Noted That S<sup>r</sup> Oliver Christman take the collection of taxes off  
of Capt. Heraclius Haddings

Noted For collector and ~~share~~ share S<sup>r</sup> Oliver Christman  
for the whole town

Noted That the Towns be taken in the same way and  
manner it was the last year

Noted That next cattle and horses be prohibited from  
going at large from and after the twentieth  
day of May next to the town to the day of Novem-  
ber next

Noted Not to choose a committee to confer with the Rep<sup>t</sup>  
Wilkes Allen

Noted To reconsider the last vote

Noted To choose a committee to confer with the Rep<sup>t</sup>  
Wilkes Allen and make report at the next towns  
meeting

Noted That the committee consist of ten and chose  
William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Perham Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Capt. Benjamin Butterfield Aaron Chamberlin

Noted To remove Aaron Chamberlin from and chose  
Capt. Amos Whitney Capt. John Butterfield  
Joseph Adams Joseph Warren Cyrus Baldwin  
Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Oliver Richardson

Noted To add five more to the committee and chose  
Ezekiel Stearns Esq<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bailey Asa Hodge  
ymon Joel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> and Simon Blodget  
Noted

- 6<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will prohibited meet cattle and horses going at large the coming year and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly At the request of W<sup>m</sup> E. Shering & Spalding and others to see if the town will choose a committee to confer with the W<sup>m</sup> Wilkes Allen respecting the depreciation of his Salling and improvements made on the Ministerial Canal and in what manner the same can be made good to him and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the town will choose a committee to make the Road through this town which has been laid out by the County Committee from Bloodyets brook to Dorchester and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly At the request of John Crosby to see if the town will rebate his taxes for the two last years and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly To At the request of B<sup>en</sup> Benjamin Byrnes and others to see if the town will choose a committee to ascertain who and how many persons have been allowed the right of voting in the choice of State Officers of whom no taxes have been collected for the two last years past also ascertain what is the amount of said taxes and cut thereon as the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of March

A D 1814

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Saml. Stevens } of

Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Attested by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Constables return of the foregoing warrant —

Middlesex ps Chelmsford 25<sup>th</sup> March 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up an attested copy of the same at the place within mentioned.

Artemus Holders Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing which was directed and given to the other Constable (viz) Capt. James Pitts two copy of which were to be posted up one ~~of~~ at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town and the following return was made on said warrant (viz)

Middlesex ps Chelmsford March 25<sup>th</sup> 1814

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted a true copy of this Instrument by me attested at the meeting house in the middle of this town also one other copy (by me attested) I have posted at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes ~~expressed~~ expressed in this warrant

James Pitts Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## April meeting by adjournment

A legal town meeting held on the 11th day of April A.D. 1814 the following Officers were chosen and have been sworn into the office & set against their respective names agreeably to law (viz)

April 25 ~~Esq Henry S. Parker - Surveyor of highways~~

" Stephen Pierce - Pound keeper

" Luke Thompson - Wigher of hay

" Esq Benjamin Byam

" Timothy Reed

" John Vincent

" Daniel Tuck

May 5 Daniel Perkins

Fishwardens

Abijah Spalding { Appointed Scaler of weights  
& measures and sworn  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 1814

Esq Henry S. Parker - Surveyor of highways



Bath

(203)

Middlesex for Chelmsford May 5<sup>th</sup> 1814 Then Major  
Nathaniel Howard one of the assessors for the town of  
Chelmsford for the year ensuing made oath to proceed  
equally and impartially according to his best skill and  
judgment in assessing and ~~and~~ apportioning all such  
rates and taxes as he ~~ought~~ might according to law be  
directed to assess and apportion during that time

Before me

Rufus Wymers Just Peace

Procured by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk —

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# May meeting

Chatham, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1811

A legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the constitution to vote for the representative also here qualified by law to vote in town affairs did on said day proceed as follows (viz) —

Voted To Choose one Representative —

Voted For the representative and the votes were for

Amos Whitney - - - - - 92

for William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> - - - - - 1

Voted For moderator and clerk Asahel Stearns Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted Not to accept of the report respecting M<sup>r</sup> Allen

Voted That the committee who made the report be a committee to wait on the M<sup>r</sup> Wilkes Allen and inform him of the proceedings of the town —

Voted That this meeting be dismissed —

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk



# Warrant May meeting 1814

Middlebury

To Mr. Artemas Holdens one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlebury

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to put up an attested  
copy of this warrant at the house of Mr. Joel Shalding  
in said town, to warn and give notice to the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified  
by the Constitution, to vote for Representatives to the  
General Court, Also those who are qualified by law to  
vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town on Thursday the fifth day of  
May next at one O'clock in the afternoon, to act on the  
following articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable  
persons or persons to represent this town in the General  
Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year and  
act thereon as the town may think proper
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>thly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen  
at the last town meeting to confer with the Hon.  
Wilkes Allen respecting the depreciation of his salary  
and improvements made on the ministerial land  
and act thereon as the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting

Dated at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty first  
day of April A D 1814

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Saml. Stevens }

Abijah Shalding Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

the probable return of the long spring season

Witnessed for April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864. Pursuant to  
the within warrant I have taken & attached copy  
of the same at the place within mentioned

Antennas Holders - Constable  
of Chelmsford.

Preserved by Nathaniel Howard Jones, 1874

There was another warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing directed to the the other Constable <sup>two</sup> a copy of which was to be posted one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town and was returned with the following return as the Clerk of said warrant (viz) —

Middlebury Ct. Cheshire April 23<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within I have procured one attested copy of this war rant, at the meeting house in the middle of ~~said~~ this town also one other attested copy at Baptist meeting house for the purposes expressed in this Instrument

James Pitts } Constable  
of  
B. Nelson, Ford

Approved by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Townmeeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1814

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of  
Chelmsford duly qualified to vote for representatives in the  
general court of this Commonwealth held on the twenty  
third day of May A.D. 1814—

Votes for the following persons to represent the people of  
said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States  
for the Middlesex district were given in as follows (viz)

For Hon<sup>ble</sup> Asahel Stearns Esq<sup>r</sup> ----- 79

For Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> ----- 44

For Joseph Locke Esq<sup>r</sup> ----- 1

Voted to dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk —

Recd  
Shals

Warrant Town meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> 1814

Middlesex Co

To Capt James Pitman of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

Whereas the Commission of the Peace for the County of Middlesex requires that you should forthwith to post up two notices the one at the meeting house in the said town and the other at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said County, that they assemble at the meeting house ~~off~~ in the middle of said town on Monday the twenty third day of May instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following article (viz)

For those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of the County to give in their votes for two Selectmen for one Representative for the Middlesex ~~the~~ district to represent ~~the~~ therein in the Congress of the United States of America in the room of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> William M Richardson who has resigned his seat as Representative

Hereof feel not and are he nature of this warrant with your doing there as to the Selectmen came time before the time appointed for said meeting

Witness at Chelmsford the second day of May A D 1814

Nathaniel Howard Selectmen of

Rajesh Belding Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Return of the foregoing warrant

(209)

Middlebury for Chelmsford May 14<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within I have posted two copies of this warrant duly attested (viz) one at the meeting house in the middle of this town, also one other at the Baptist meeting house for the purposes expressed in this instrument.

James Pitts constable of  
Chelmsford

There was another warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing ~~to~~ which was directed Artemas Holdens the other constable, and a copy of the same was to be posted at the house of ~~Mr.~~ Joel Spalding's and the following return was made on the back of the same

Middlebury for May 13<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up an attested copy ~~of~~ thereof at the place within mentioned

Artemas Holdens constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlebury for Chelmsford May 27<sup>th</sup> 1814

Then Capt. John Butterfield personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of a Fishwarden of said town of Chelmsford for the current year

Before me Joel Adams J. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

210 Town meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> 1814

Middlesex Co

Real To Mr. Thomas Holders, one of the  
Justices of the Peace of Chelmsford within the County  
of Middlesex - -

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town which are in your ward which are qualified by  
law to vote for town officers and in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Saturday the ~~Seventeenth~~ 18<sup>th</sup> day of September  
instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles (viz) -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting -
- 2<sup>d</sup> At the request of Capt. Benjamin Butterfield and  
others to see if the town will make a sufficient number  
of cartridges for the militia in this town and to have  
them in readiness for them whenever they are called  
upon to march for the immediate service of this com-  
monwealth and out thereon as the town may think  
proper -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the town will provide camp equipage and  
utensils, blankets or bannetins for said militia  
and out thereon as the town may think proper -
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the  
encouragement of said militia and out anything  
thereon the town may think proper -

Hereof you are not to make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this thirteenth day of September A.D. 1814

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen

Abijah Shalding } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



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Return of the foregoing warrant

Middlesex Js - Chelmsford September 16<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the inhabitants of the north ward of said town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Artemus Holders Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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There was an other warrant of the same date and import of the foregoing which was delivered the other Constable Capt. James Pitts which was seasonably returned with the following on the back of the warrant (viz) —

Middlesex Js Chelmsford Sept<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1814

In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the inhabitants of the South part of the Town of Chelmsford that are within my District and within my knowledge to appear at the time and place and for purposes within named

James Pitts } Constable  
                              } of  
                              } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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Leicester Sept 10th 1844

A legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who were qualified by law to vote for town officers & for town affairs assembled on the above day and past the following votes (viz) —

Voted For moderator and chose Nathaniel Howard

Voted To choose a committee to purchase the cartridges for the militia whenever they are called at the shortest notice —

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to purchase the cartridges for the militia —

Voted That if the Selectmen shall find the powder is not sufficient that they shall purchase that which is good —

Voted To purchase eighteen Shottson Bittles for the use of the militia —

Voted To purchase one hundred and twenty Canteens —

Voted That the town purchase thirty Canteens more

Voted That the Canteens be made of white pine heads and ash or white oak hoop —

Voted That the militia of this town which have marched into the service and those which shall be called upon to march between now and the first of March next shall be made up fifteen dollars per month until they are dismissed —

Voted That Horses and waggon be engaged for the conveyance of the baggage of the militia providing they are called on to march —

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to provide immediately all the articles which the town has voted to provide —

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to deliver to the commanding officers of the militia companies at all inspections of arms the cartridges canteens and knapsacks <sup>for</sup> the use of the



the use of the noncommissioned Officers and Privates<sup>2/3</sup>  
in their companies and to be returned immediately  
after the inspection →

Resolved That this meeting be ~~definitely~~ dissolved →

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk

Town meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> 1844

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for the Representatives to the General Court holden on the seventh day of November being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex district votes for the following persons were given in sorted sorted recorded and declaration there of made as by law is directed — To wit —

For Hon. Asahel Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> one hundred & seven teen —

Hon. Samuel Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> sixty two —

Joseph Larkin Esq<sup>r</sup> one —

After the choice of the representatives the meeting organized and proceeded to transact town business and proceeded as follows (viz) —

Voted <sup>For</sup> Moderator and Chase Asahel Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> —

Voted That a committee be chosen to make an annual settlement with the town treasurer —

Voted That the Committee consist of three and Chase Rufus Hyman Esq<sup>r</sup> Cyrus Baldwin Esq<sup>r</sup> and Doct. Oliver Scripture —

Voted To raise the sum of seven hundred dollars and to be immediately assessed — — — — \$700.00

Voted To give the Selectmen discretionary power to conduct the business of the fifth article in the warrant —

Voted To accept the following <sup>Person</sup> ~~un~~resolvable and resolutions respecting the Lords day (and ~~not~~ voted against it) —

(viz) Whereas every seventh day has been considered by man beyond the memory of man as a Sabbath of rest from worldly pursuits and appropriated to the study of the duties ~~and obligations~~ <sup>and obligations</sup> of religious and civil life and there is no record of the institution of a Sabbath which does not refer it to the creation of the world and the express command of the Sovereign of the universe.

Whereas the observance of the Sabbath is a ~~means~~ <sup>means</sup> of extending the knowledge and understanding of the Christian religion and is otherwise conducive



conducive to the well being of ~~society~~ civil society and  
the increase of good morals and sober life. Resolved

Whereas the Constitution of this  
Commonwealth has provided for the institution of the  
public worship of God and the support and maintenance  
of Protestant teachers of piety religion and mor-  
ality and enjoined upon its subjects an attendance upon  
the instructions of the public teachers as aforesaid at  
stated times and seasons and all persons therein by  
law are right to attend and enjoy the same with out  
molestation or interruption and to be secure from  
the evil example of disorderly people intruding their  
children and families from the ~~public~~ duty of attending  
the same

Therefore

Resolved that it is the opinion of this  
meeting the duty of all good citizens to exert themselves to  
cause all persons to conform to the Laws of this Common-  
wealth providing for the due observation of the Lord's day

Voted That this meeting be dissolved —

Recorded by Nathaniel Howland Town Clerk.

Warrant for November meeting 1814

Middlesex is a legal town of Pitts one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

For the purpose of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and as hereby required, forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the vestry meeting house in said town to serve and give notice to the Constables and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote as Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth also those qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the seventh day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Congress of the United States of America
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To choose a Committee to make an annual settlement with the town Treasurer
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the purpose of buying two town carts and making roads and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will take measures to obtain the right of dower for the W. Mary Field in her late husband's ~~estate~~ John Mary Field's estate and cut thereon as the town may think proper
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will express any opinion respecting the execution of the law of this Commonwealth for the due observation of the Lords day as recommended in a late resolve of the General Court or take any measures respecting the same

Hereof paid and made returns of this warrant with your design thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twentieth day of October A.D. 1814

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Samuel Stevens }  
Abijah Phalen } Chelmsford  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Return on the preceding warrant.

Middlebury Co. Chelmsford October 29<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up and collected copies around the meeting house in the middle of this town also one other copy at the Baptist meeting house for the purpose within mentioned

James Potts Constable of  
Chelmsford

There was an other warrant of the same date and import of the preceding which was delivered to the other Constable (viz) Mr. Artemas Holden a copy of which was to be posted at the house of Mr. Joel Sheddings and the following return was made on the back of said warrant

# Middlebury Co. Chelmsford October 29<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up and collected copy of ~~this warrant~~ the same at the house of Mr. Joel Sheddings in said town agreeably to the within directions.

Artemas Holden Constable  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

# School money for Nov 1811

	For the school	For the school	For the school	For the school
N <sup>o</sup> 1	\$ 101.15	\$ 50.79	\$ 152.37	Samuel Benson
N <sup>o</sup> 2	122.77	44.13	166.87	Nathan Tyler
N <sup>o</sup> 3	55.80	24.75	80.55	Capt. John Butterfield
N <sup>o</sup> 4	69.02	29.35	98.37	Capt. Leashens Wright
N <sup>o</sup> 5	56.96	19.12	76.08	Capt. Linscomb, soldiers
N <sup>o</sup> 6	53.74	17.12	69.86	James Dyer
N <sup>o</sup> 7	59.63	22.59	82.22	Peter Hirsch
N <sup>o</sup> 8	36.47	9.13	45.60	Andrew Spalding
N <sup>o</sup> 9	40.06	11.51	51.57	Isaac Chamberlain
N <sup>o</sup> 10	51.20	25.51	76.51	Cyrus Baldwin Esq.
	\$ 930.00			

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## Auctioneer

We the subscribers selectors of the town of Chelmsford at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, bearing witness and do hereby license Mr. August Spalding of said Chelmsford to sell at public vendue on and in any goods or chattels whatsoever pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16<sup>th</sup> 1795 —

Given under our hands the second day of November A D 1811

Nathaniel Howard  
Samuel Stevens

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## Warrant

Shall be as it is Capt. James Pitt one of the Constables of the town of Middlebury within the County of Middlebury

Exposition

In the name of the Commonwealth of New Hampshire you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant one at the Baptist meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz):

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>dly</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the law requires
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town to settle with the <sup>town</sup> Treasurer and act thereon as the town may think proper
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To grant such sums of money as the Town may think proper for the support of the Gospel ministry Schooling and all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing and act on any thing thereon as the town may think proper
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the year ensuing and act thereon as the town may think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper
- 8<sup>thly</sup> At the request of byers and others to see in what way and manner the town meetings shall be worned for the <sup>future</sup> and act thereon as the town may think proper
- 9<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr. Parker Fidler to see if the town will pay him the damage done his land by the road going through it which said road leads from <sup>the</sup> town to <sup>the</sup> river

to blockets brook in Chelmsford and at any thing  
therein as the town may think proper.

Hereof put not and make return of the warrant  
with your return thereon unto the select men some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this twentieth day of February A.D. 1815

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Saml. Stevens } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The following is the return on the above warrant  
which was made by the constable (viz)

Middlesex Co Town of Chelmsford Feb'y 24. 1815  
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested  
copies of this warrant (viz) one at the meeting  
house in the middle of this Town, and one other  
at the Baptist meeting house in said town  
for purposes expressed in this warrant.

James Pitts } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

There was an other warrant of the same date and  
import of the foregoing which was directed to the other  
constable (viz) Mr. Artemas Holden a copy of  
which was to be posted at the house of Mr. Joel Spaldings  
in Chelmsford and the following return was made  
on the back of the same.

Middlesex Co Chelmsford February 24<sup>th</sup> 1815  
Pursuant to the within warrant I have this day posted  
up an attested copy of the same at the house of Mr. Joel  
Spaldings in said town.

Artemas Holden } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# March meeting

Chilmsford March 6<sup>th</sup> 1815

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town Officers and in town affairs holden on the above day and proceeded as follows (viz)

Drawed out three Jerymen viz Capt. Phineas Whiting  
Capt. William Fletcher and Mr. Joseph Adams —

Voted For moderator and chose Nathl Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For town clerk and chose Nathaniel Howard. and was

sworn in open Town meeting —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For first select men and chose Nathaniel Howard

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For second select men and chose Capt. Saml Stevens —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For third select men and chose Abijah Shelding —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For Town Treasurer and chose Amos Shelding —

Voted To chose two constables —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For constable for the south end of the town and chose Capt. James Pitts —

Voted <sup>by ballot</sup> For constable for the north end of the town and chose Artemus Holden —

Voted To chose six fishwardens —

Voted That the men for fishwardens be all on one tickle —

Voted For fishwardens & chose —

{	Benjamin Byam
	Nathan Butterick
	John Vincent
	Samuel Adams Jun <sup>r</sup>
	Abijah Shelding
	David Perham

Voted To chose all the other Officers except Tuthing men by open votes —

Voted For School committee and chose in District —

{	N <sup>o</sup> 1 Rufus Byam Esq <sup>r</sup>
	N <sup>o</sup> 2 Nathan P. Ames
	N <sup>o</sup> 3 Andrew Perham
	N <sup>o</sup> 4 Eli Parker
	N <sup>o</sup> 5 Th <sup>o</sup> Samuel Adams
	N <sup>o</sup> 6 Solomon Byam
	N <sup>o</sup> 7 John Carlton

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~~1 voted to choose a committee of five~~  
~~to choose a committee of five~~  
~~to choose a committee of five~~

- Mr. P. Samsen Stevens
- Mr. G. Samsen Bloodjet
- Mr. 10 Ezra Bloodjet

voted For surveyors of highways  
 and chose

- Simon Parker
- Mr. Galeb Abbot
- Amos Whitney Junr.
- David Perkins
- Mr. Amos Spalding
- Joseph Harwood
- Benjamin Thomas
- Levi Thompson
- Thomas Taborn
- Timothy Manning Junr.
- Timothy Davis

voted To choose four fence viewers

voted For fence viewers & chose

- Joseph Chamberlain
- Mr. John Estlin
- Ezra Bloodjet
- Samuel Marshall Junr.

voted To choose four field drivers

~~voted For field drivers & chose~~

voted For field drivers & chose

- Jonathan Harwood
- Capt. Joseph Bowers
- Eleazer Spalding
- Zebedee Parker

voted To choose six surveyors of lumber

voted For surveyors of lumber & chose

- Samuel F. Good
- Capt. Samuel Stevens
- Mr. Jonathan Tyler
- Ezra Bloodjet
- David Josiah Parkhurst
- Simon Bloodjet

voted To choose six measurers of wood



voted For measurers of wood & chose

{ Capt. Samuel Stevens  
Ebenzer Adams  
Lt. Jonathan Tyler  
Artemus Holders  
Simon Blodget  
Samuel A Wood

voted For haymeas and chose

{ Joel Mansfield  
Otis Spalding  
Isaac Chamberlin Junr  
Charles Flory  
John Gauding  
Stephen Pierce Junr  
Gideon Whitmore  
Joseph Titcomb  
John Spalding Junr

voted For Poundkeeper and chose

{ Stephen Pierce Junr

voted To choose four weighers of hay

voted For weighers of hay & chose

{ Luke Thompson  
Capt. Phineas Whiteing  
Capt. Jonas Pierce  
Capt. Elsie Ford

voted To choose three inspectors of lime

voted For inspectors of lime & chose

{ Ebenzer Spalding  
William Parker  
Capt. John Sheel

voted To choose four cutlers of staves

voted For cutlers of staves & chose

{ Ebenzer Spalding  
Artemus Holders  
John Wright  
Capt. John Sheel

voted to choose twenty five Tything men for the year ensuing  
and to have their names all on one ticket —

Willard Byram  
Rev. John Bateman  
D<sup>r</sup>. John Spalding  
D<sup>r</sup>. Noah Spalding  
James Marshall  
Abijah Spalding  
Capt. John Butterfield  
Nufus Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Jael Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Asahel Stearns Esq<sup>r</sup>.

<sup>by ballot</sup>  
Voted For Tything men to chose —

Artemas Holders  
Amos Whitney  
Maj<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Fletcher  
D<sup>r</sup>. Oliver Scripture  
Jesse Smith  
Robert Spalding  
Moses Hale  
E<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Byram  
Nathaniel Howard  
Jacob Fielder  
Luke Thompson

Voted To put off the collection of taxes until April ensuing —

Voted To accept of the report of the Committee which was chosen  
by the town to settle with the Town Treasurer —

Voted To raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the support  
of the Gospel ministry for the year ensuing. \$500.00

Voted To raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the purpose  
of defraying the necessary expenses of the town for the  
year ensuing. \$2000.00

Voted To raise the sum of nine hundred dollars for the  
purpose of Schools for the year ensuing. \$900.00

Voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for  
the support of the highways for the year ensuing. \$1500.00

Voted That the schools be kept in the same way and manner  
that they were the last year and each District do as  
The



The money that it pays would be expended in the same way  
that it was the last year —

Noted That the highways be repaired in the same way and manner that they were the last year and the price of labour be the same —

Noted That Swine be not permitted to go at large the year ensuing  
Noted That the Constable shall not

ordered That the Constable shall post up a copy of the warrant for calling town meetings at Capt. Phineas Whiting's and one at the store of Jesse Smith's store

Decided To reconsider the last vote

Voted That the Constables shall post up copies of the warrants for calling town meetings one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house and one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whitesings and one at the store of Jesse Smiths and ~~the store of~~ to stand as usual.

Voted To dismiss the last article in the warrant.

Noted That the Highway may be made by the last year's in-  
voice by the Selectmen making such alteration as  
is necessary —

Voted To dismiss the meeting —

Murdered by Nathaniel Howard Town  
black

# Settlement with Treasurer 1815

The Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Town of Chelmsford and to make a settlement with the Treasurer of said Town for the year 1814. have the honor to lay before you the following Report, viz.

## Ministerial Money.

Received and paid by the Treasurer since Feb<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1814. viz  
 Balance remaining with the treasurer last settlement. \$ 374<sup>00</sup>  
 also received of Dist. Clerks & other collectors 1813 & 1814 947<sup>01</sup>

	Cash received by the Treasurer - - -	\$ 1321 <sup>21</sup>
Paid	Mr. Wilkes Allen - - -	\$ 85 <sup>00</sup>
	Mr. John Perkins - - -	33 <sup>79</sup>
	Mr. John Spalding - - -	14 <sup>22</sup>
	Mr. Amariah Procter - - -	25 <sup>00</sup>
	Cash paid by the Treasurer - - -	947 <sup>01</sup>
	Balance against the Treasurer - - -	\$ 374 <sup>00</sup>

Due the Town or assessed since Feb<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1814.  
 Balance remaining with the treasurer - - - \$ 374<sup>00</sup>  
 Taxes of 1813 not collected and paid - - - 62<sup>82</sup>  
 Taxes of 1814 - - - 304<sup>29</sup>  
 Money appropriated and due - - - \$ 1341<sup>11</sup>

Expended, or paid & to be paid viz.

Cash paid as above - - -	\$ 947 <sup>01</sup>
do - to be paid Mr. John Perkins - - -	14 <sup>83</sup>
do - do - Mr. John Spalding - - -	7 <sup>16</sup>
do - do - Mr. Amariah Procter - - -	25 <sup>00</sup>
Expended - - -	994 <sup>00</sup>

Leaving of Ministerial money <sup>not</sup> expended - \$ 312<sup>31</sup>

## Militia Money



## Militia Money

Received Ballance with Treasurer Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1814	\$ 13.15.50
Cash of four conditional Exempts	8.11.00
Cash received	21.11.50
Paid to order of Selectmen	3.11.25
Ballance against the Treasurer	\$ 18.11.25
Balance against the Treasurer	

## Town and School Money

Received since Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1814	
of Dat. Oliver Scripture Collector of taxes 1813 & 1814	\$ 37.53.98
of Mr Abijah Spalding collector 1812 including School District 4. & 10	527.11.20
of Maj. Nathaniel Howard for support of State Paupers	102.11.53
of sundry persons for purchases at vendues	14.11.85
of Joel Adams and Rufus Wyman Esqrs for one moiety of fines for violations of the Sabbath	14.11.50
Cash received	\$ 4413.11.14
Paid Ballance due the Treasurer Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1814	\$ 70.11.30
Orders drawn by Selectmen & committee of School District 4. & 10	4287.11.64
Ballance of Militia Money transferred to its proper account	13.11.50
Ballance of Ministerial Money transferred to its proper account	374.11.20
Cash Paid	4745.11.64
Ballance for the Treasurer	\$ 332.11.50

Due the Town Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1814 and assessed since that day	
Taxes of 1813 & 1814 not collected and paid	\$ 2998.11.39
Cash for sales at vendue	20.11.00
Money spent, irration and due	\$ 3113.11.39
Expended or paid and to be paid	
Deficiency of last year	\$ 171.11.23

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March 1813 estimated at - - - \$ 313 " 10

Amount drawn since settlement  
in March 1813 - - - 1659 " 98

Demands known to be due to individuals  
other than orders - - - 1020 " 66

Other demands estimated at - - - 200 " 00

Expended - - - 3264 " 37

Town & School money deficient - - - \$ 346 " 40

Ministerial Money not expended - - - 312 " 31

Leaving deficient for the year - - - \$ 34 " 17

From which it appears that Mr. Ananias Spalding  
Treasurer of the Town of the Town of Chelmsford ought  
to be charged as follows viz.

With Ministerial Money - - - \$ 1321 " 21

Town and School Money & for School  
District \$ 10 4413 " 14

Militia Money - - - 21 " 50

Money received - - - \$ 5755 " 85

and allowed as follows viz.

For Ministerial Money paid - \$ 947 " 07

For Town & School money & District \$ 4715 " 64

For Militia money paid - - 3 " 25

Money paid - - - \$ 5695 " 90

Balance due the Town from the Treasurer - \$ 59 " 95

Chelmsford March 4th 1815

Per J. W. Wymers

Cyrus Baldwin

Oliver Corbridge

} Committee

Assented to by

Ananias Spalding Treasurer

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Chilmark March 6<sup>th</sup> 1815

The following named persons were in the court in legal  
Town meeting chosen and the several officers sit against their res-  
pective names and have appeared and taken the oath to the office  
and which they are chosen agreeably to law viz.

Nathaniel Flowerd Town Clerk was sworn in open Town meeting

March

M. --- Nathaniel Flowerd	} Selectmen
M. - 17 Capt. Samuel Stearns	
M. - 17 Abijah Spalding	
M. - 16 Amos Spalding	} Town Treas. & cler.
M. - 16 Capt. James Pitts	
April 2 Robert Spalding	} Constables
M. - 16 Ephraim Spalding	
M. - 16 David Perkins	} Fishwardens

March 7 Luke Thompson	} Surveyors of highways
M. - 16 Lt. Caleb Abbott	
M. - 16 David Perkins	
M. - 16 Lt. Amos Spalding	
M. - 16 Joseph Flowerd	
<del>John Thompson</del>	
May 9 Amos Whitney junr.	} Fire viewers
May 4 Stephen Spalding	
May 22 Ebenezer Adams	
May 4 Thomas Colborn	
May 4 John Bartlett	
May 4 Lt. Joseph Parker	
June 2 Sijmon Parker	} Fire viewers
M. - 16 Joseph Chamberlain	
April 3 Lt. John Watkinson	
May 4 Samuel Marshall junr.	

March 6 Jonathan Harwood

Field Officers

March 6 Samuel F Wood

April 4 Capt. H. Jonathan Tyler

August 29 Dr. Joseph Parkhurst

Surveyors of Lumber

March 6 Samuel F Wood

M. 16 Capt. Samuel Stevens

M. 16 Ebenezer Adams

April 4 Dr. Jonathan Tyler

A. 18 Simon Blackget

Measures of wood

M. 16 Joel Mansfield

M. 16 Charles Stroy

April 4 Isaac Chamberlain Junr

Tag names

Small paper

March 6 Luke Thompson

March 6 Capt. Pincas Whiting

Measures of iron

M. 16 William Parker

A. 3 Capt. John Shiel

Inspectors of iron



bullers of stones

W. B. of the Tipton men are beneficiaries in several ways 1846

April 3 Rufus Wyman Esq.  
A. 3 Lt John Butternan

Tipton men

Town Officers which were chosen April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845 were included with those chosen at March meeting last.

May 1 Nathaniel Howard  
May 4 Capt. Samuel Stevens } Assessors sworn.  
May 4 Abijah Spaulding }

August 29 Thomas Coburn Sworn as collector of taxes  
Murdered by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk





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Middlebury Jc. Chittenden Novr 1815

Personally appeared Major Nathaniel Howard and took the oath required by <sup>law</sup> as one of the Selectmen of Chittenden for the year ensuing.

Before me

Asa Phelps Just. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlebury Jc. May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1815 This day Nathaniel Howard of Chittenden in said County Esq. personally appeared and took the oath prescribed by law as one of the assessors for said town of Chittenden for the year ensuing before me.

Joel Adams Just. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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## Highway

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex Co.

At a Court of Common Pleas begun and holden  
at Cambridge within and for the County of  
Middlesex on the Monday next ~~proceeding~~  
proceeding the third Tuesday of December  
being the eighteenth day of said month  
Anno Domini 1819 —

And now the Committee appointed at September  
term last to lay out an highway from Dunstable to Bloodgate  
brook in Chelmsford on the Petition of John Cummings Junr  
and others make their report on the warrant to them directed  
as follows — Pursuant to the order of Court to which this is  
annexed we the subscribers having been first sworn and  
having given notice to all persons interested in the laying  
out of the road prayed for in the foregoing petition in  
way and manner as certified by the Officer doing the  
service met at the house of Jonathan Bennett Inhabitant  
in Dunstable on Thursday the twenty eighth day of  
November A D 1809 and from thence proceeded to  
lay out the said highway or road in the following  
way and manner. (viz) Beginning at the northeast  
corner of Jonathan Bennett's barn on the southerly side  
of the County road leading from Boston to Collice in the  
State of New Hampshire thence running southeasterly  
across land of said Bennett and Capt. Oliver Cummings  
forty three rods to a stake and stones in said Cummings  
land thence running southeasterly still across said  
Cummings land and land of Jones Hindell eighty nine  
rods to a large oak tree thence running southeasterly a corner  
of Jamston for nineteen rods to a stake and stones thence  
running southeasterly eighty eight rods to a small white oak  
tree marked thence southeasterly fifty five rods still across  
said Jamston's land to a walnut tree marked thence running  
southeasterly on land of Peter and Jeremiah Winters by  
an elm tree to a stake and stones in Jeremiah Winters land  
east of his house one hundred and four rods thence  
running southeasterly on land of the said Jeremiah Winters  
one rods to a white birch tree marked thence running  
southeasterly <sup>only</sup> to a stake and stones in John Cummings  
land seventy eight rods to a stake and stones in front  
of said Cummings dwelling house thence running south-  
easterly across said Cummings land and Robert



Brinleys land is land of Asa Wymore to a stake and stands on a ridge hill one hundred and fifty ~~rods~~ seven rods thence running southeasterly by the house of said Wymore and over the brook and over the meadow of Charles Flint to a white oak tree marked on the side of a hill in said Flint's pasture one hundred and twenty six rods thence running southeasterly across said Flint's pasture and the barn to road to the back side Flint's of said Flint's dwelling house to a stake and stands sixty five rods thence running southeasterly on said Flint's land forty six rods to a white oak tree in said Flint's pasture thence running southeasterly partly on said Flint's land and partly on Nathaniel Brinleys Esqrs land one hundred and five rods to land of Royal Markes place to a stake and stands by a stone wall thence running southeasterly through land of said Markes place to a white pine tree in land of James Abbot Esqr by the south side of a cart path eighty rods thence running southeasterly through land of said Abbot lands of Josiah Stevens and Capt. Isaac Chamberlins land to the said road <sup>near</sup> near Woodgets creek so called in Chathamfield to a stake and stands near said Chamberlins house all the marks and monuments describing the above highway aforesaid are on the southern side of the same and the road to be three rods wide - And the Committee are of a opinion that two years from the acceptance of this report be cut and to the several towns for the opening the said road and making the same passable and further it is the opinion of the said Committee and they do order that the wood timber and trees that are standing growing or lying on the road or highway above described be removed there from in one year from the acceptance of said report -

The Committee according with our Commission and order of Court have estimated the damages done to individuals by laying out said highway over their land as follows to wit -

To Jonathan Bennett	\$ 27 11 00	} For the town of Dunstable to pay
Benjamin Cummings	180 11 00	
Jonas Hindall	120 11 00	
William Cummings	15 11 00	} For the town of Tyngsborough to pay
Robert Brinley Esqr	200 11 00	
Asa Wymore	40 11 00	
Samuel F. Lunt	30 11 00	
Charles Flint	220 11 00	
Nathaniel Brinley	60 11 00	

Capt Isaac Chamberlin --	\$40.00	} For the town of Tyngsborough to pay
Thomas Abbot Esq <sup>r</sup> --	30.00	
William Adams	6.00	
William Brinley	813.00	} Town of Westford to pay
Royal Makepeace	155.00	
Capt James Pierce	560.00	} For the town of Chelmsford to pay
Capt Isaac Chamberlin	140.00	
Royal Makepeace	5.00	

And the other persons over whose lands said highway is laid ~~not~~ aske no damage but give the same to their respective towns — which is submitted by John Badger (and seal) James Brainer (and seal) David Varnum (and seal) John Robbins (and seal) Samuel Lawrance (and seal) —

All which being seen and fully understood by the Court and the petitioners by their counsel and the Inhabitants of Chelmsford and Tyngsborough by their respective agents being fully heard thereon the Court do accept said Petition, except as to the time therein specified for removing the wood therefrom, And the Court do hereby establish the way aforesaid for a public highway and allow the time of two years to the several towns through which it passes for opening and making the same passable and the Court also allow the same time for the owners of wood on the lands over which said road passes to take off the same —

And the Court here do order that the several sums of money assessed in damages as aforesaid in damages as aforesaid against the inhabitants of the towns Dismstable be paid out of the Treasury of thereof and in default of payment for the term of two years from the first day of January 1810 the persons to whom said damages are awarded may severally have a warrant of Distress for their respective damages agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided —

And the Court do further order that the several sums of money assessed in damages as aforesaid against the Inhabitants of the town of Tyngsborough be paid out of the Treasury thereof and in default thereof



of payment for the term of two years from the first day of January 1810. the persons to whom said damages are awarded may severally have a warrant of Distress for their respective damages agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided.

And the Court do further order that the several sums of money assessed in damages as aforesaid against the Inhabitants of the Town of Westford be paid out of the Treasury thereof, and in default of payment for the term of two years from the first day of January 1810 - the persons to whom said damages are awarded may severally have a warrant of Distress for their respective damages agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided.

And the Court do further order that the several sums of money ~~assessed~~ assessed in damages as aforesaid against the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford be paid out of the Treasury thereof, and in default of payment for the term of two years from the first day of January 1810 the persons to whom said damages are awarded may severally have a warrant of Distress for their respective damages agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided.

A Copy of Record

Attest Abner Wiglow Clerk

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

# April Meeting

Chelmsford April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1817

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commercial City of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor and Councillors and Senators holden on the third day of April being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth - And for giving in their votes for Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex. And for giving in their votes for a Treasurer for said County.

Those qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in town affairs and proceeded as follows. viz.

And That the names for Governor, Lt. Governor & Councillors and Senators all be on one ticket -

Voted For Governor and Lieut. Governor and Councillors and Senators & they were

For Governor	{	His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred	
		and fifty five - - - - -	155
		Hon. Samuel Dexter Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety nine -	99

For Lt. Governor	{	Hon. William Phillips Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred <del>th</del>	
		and fifty four - - - - -	154
		Hon. William Gray ninety nine -	99

For Senators for the District of Middlesex County	{	Gen. John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> one hundred & fifty five	155
		Gen. Calvin Conger one hundred & fifty five	155
		Gen. Samuel P. Fay one hundred & fifty five	155
		Hon. Samuel Hoar Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety nine -	99
		Hon. Timothy Fuller Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety nine -	99
		John Platt Esq <sup>r</sup> ninety nine -	99

And For Moderator and Chase Rufus Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup> -

Voted For County Treasurer and the votes were for

Abiel Heywood Esq<sup>r</sup> 119  
John Hays Esq<sup>r</sup> 78  
Samuel Hays



- Voted To excuse Artemas Holden from serving as Constable --
- Voted For Constable for the north end of the town and chose Robert Spalding
- Voted To excuse Timothy ~~Davis~~ Hemming from serving as Surveyor of highways
- Voted For Surveyor of highways and chose John Carlton --
- Voted To excuse Ebenezer Spalding from serving as field driver --
- Voted For field driver and chose William Fletcher --
- Voted That the collection of taxes be let out at tender to the lowest bidder on the dollar by the person <sup>bonded</sup> procuring to the satisfaction of the selectmen and that the collector shall have no pay for collecting what shall be due after one year from the time he shall receive his tax bills --
- The collection of taxes for the south side of the town was put up and was bid off by Thomas Coker at two cents and two mills on the dollar -- \$ 0 11 02 1/2
- The collection of taxes for the north end of the town was put up and bid off by Thomas Coker at three cents and eight mills on the dollar -- \$ 0 11 3 1/2
- Voted By ballot for collector of taxes and chose Thomas Coker --
- Voted That Jesse Smith be excused from serving as Tything man --
- Voted To excuse Timothy Davis from serving as Surveyor of highways.
- Voted For for surveyor of highways and chose Dr. Joseph Parker --
- Voted That the Assessors take the income in the same way and manner that they did the last year --
- Voted That the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant be adjourned until the first town meeting in May next --
- Voted That this meeting be dissolved --
- Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk.

April meeting warrant - 1815

Shall issue for To wit, James C. one of the constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Upcoming

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, ye are  
hereby required for with to post up two several copies of  
this warrant one at the ~~first~~ meeting house in the middle  
of said town and one at <sup>the</sup> Baptist meeting house in said  
town to warn and give notice to the free holders and other  
inhabitants of said town qualified by the constitution  
to vote for Governor and Lt. Governor and Councillors  
and Senators and Representatives agreeable to the constitution  
of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law  
to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble  
at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the third day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles agreeably to their qualifications  
viz. —

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the constitution to give  
in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor and  
Lt. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
and for Councillors and Senators for the County of  
Middlesex for the year ensuing —
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting —
- 3<sup>thly</sup> To give in their votes of a Treasurer for the County  
of Middlesex —
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers —
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Selectmen Assessors a true and just  
invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make  
the taxes by in said town the year ensuing and cut  
any thing thereon as the town may think proper —
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will sell one ~~united~~ United States note  
and some uncurrent Bank bills which belong to the  
town and cut any thing thereon that the town may  
think proper —
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will restrain neat cattle ~~from~~  
~~going~~ and commonable beasts from going on the  
common and cut any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper.

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your <sup>there on</sup> doings unto the Selectmen some time before  
The



at time appointed for said meeting -

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid  
this twelfth day of March A.D. 1815

Nathaniel Howard  
Saml. Stevens  
Abijah Spalding } Justices  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk

The following is the return made on the above warrant  
by the constable, viz.

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1815

Pursuant to the to me within I have posted up  
two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the Meeting house  
in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house  
in the south end of this town for purposes expressed in this  
instrument. - - - - -

James Pitts Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk

There was an other warrant of the same date and import of  
the foregoing which was delivered to the other constable, viz.  
Abneras Holders which he was directed to post up one copy  
of the same at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at  
the Store of Jesse Smith and the warrant was seasonably  
returned as follows, viz.

Middlesex Co. Chelmsford March 24<sup>th</sup> 1815

Pursuant to the within warrant I have this day posted up  
two attested copies of the same viz. one at the Store of Capt. Phineas  
Whiting and one at the Store of Jesse Smith in said town  
agreeably to the within directions.

Abneras Holders Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town clerk

Warrant School District No 3

Whereas, Andrew P. Perkins, an individual  
of School District No 3 in the town of Chelmsford  
County and a freeholder in said District.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required to summon verbally or by a written notification  
left at their usual place of abode all the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of said School District who are qualified by  
law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the house of  
Andrew P. Perkins on Wednesday the twenty seventh  
day of March instant at three o'clock in the afternoon  
you will give them at least seven days notice to each  
person before the time appointed for said meeting  
to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a clerk for said District
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the District will raise a sum of money for  
the purpose of building a new School house in said  
District or move or repair the old School house  
and act there on as the District may think proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> To determine in what part of said District to erect  
a School house
- 5<sup>th</sup> To choose a Committee to procure land for said  
house to be laid on and to superintend the building  
or repairing said house and to act on any thing  
thereon that they may think proper
- 6<sup>th</sup> To transact any other business relative to building  
or repairing a School house in said District agree-  
ably to law as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
this ~~seventeenth~~ <sup>seventh</sup> day of March

AD 1815

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens }  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard  
Town Clerk





## May meeting Nov 1815

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pursuant to a law of said Commonwealth the Freehold class and other inhabitants of the town of Southwick in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution having been duly convened in town meeting on the fourth day of May current for the choice of one or more Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth.

The inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs were notified to assemble on said day and proceeded first as follows viz.

Voted To send one Representative to the General Court -  
Voted That the names on the list be checked -

Voted For Representatives and the votes were for

Amos Whitney one hundred - - - 100

For Jonathan Perham Esq. sixty - 60

Voted For moderator and chose Peter Wymund Esq.

Peter Wymund Esq. refused serving as moderator -

Voted For moderator and chose Nathaniel Wright Esq.

Voted To act on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> articles in April meeting warrant -

Voted That the United States note and uncurrent bank bills be

left with the Selectmen to dispose of for the use of the town -

Voted That cattle go at large -

Voted That the intermission on Sundays be one hour and on half from this time to the first day of November next -

Voted To reconsider the vote regulating the intermission on Sundays.

Voted That the intermission on Sundays be one hour -

Voted That this meeting be dissolved -

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



May meeting warrant A.D. 1815

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Middlesex fs

To Mr. Robert T. Moulden one of the Justices of the Peace  
at Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting.

In the presence of the Commonwealth of this said county you are hereby  
required forthwith to, read up two attested copies of this warrant, one at  
the store of Capt. Pinner's Wharves and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse  
Smith in said town to every and give notice to the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Consti-  
tution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Com-  
monwealth, Also those who are qualified by law to vote ~~for~~ in  
town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town on Thursday the fourth day of May next at one o'clock  
in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or  
persons to represent this town in the General Court of this  
Commonwealth for the ensuing year or act any thing thereon  
as the town may think proper
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will leave up the articles which was adjourned  
at April meeting to May meeting and act any thing thereon  
as the town may think proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr. Moses Hale to see if the town will negotiate  
the intermission on sundays or act any thing thereon as the  
town may think proper

Here if fail not and make return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time ap-  
pointed for said meeting

Given under our Hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid  
this nineteenth day of April A.D. 1815

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens }  
Abijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

For the other warrant and the returns see next page

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Pursuant to the within I have posted up two copies attested copies of this warrant. viz. one at the store of Capt. Pinnus Martins in Chelmsford near Pantebulphalls and one at the store of Mr. Isaac Smith at the head of Middlesex Canal in Chelmsford for purposes expressed in this instrument.

April 22<sup>d</sup> 1815

Robert Maltby } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

This was another warrant of the same date and import of the one on the last page which was directed to Capt. James Pitts who was directed to post one copy of the same at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house and the following return was seasonably made on the back of the warrant: viz.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 21<sup>st</sup> 1815  
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant. viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of this town also one at the Baptist meeting house in the south part of this town for purposes expressed in this instrument

James Pitts } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## Oath Fishwarden

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex Co. April 25<sup>th</sup> 1815 This day Benjamin Rogers of Chelmsford in said County, personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of a Fishwarden for said town of Chelmsford for the current year according to the laws in this behalf made and provided.

Before me Joel Adams Just. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## Oath Fishwarden

Middlesex Co. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

April 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1815 This day John Vincent of Chelmsford in said County personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of a Fishwarden in and for said Town of Chelmsford for the current year

Before me Joel Adams Just. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## Oath Tythingmen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex Co. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1815

Then Joel Adams, John Butterfield, Asah Shalding & Oliver Scripture severally appeared and took the oath prescribed by law as Tythingmen of the town of Chelmsford the current year.

Before me

Phelps Wyman

Just. Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard

Town Clerk

## School money apportioned for. 1815

	For District	For Man School	For Women School	For District
	\$	\$	\$	
1	99 .. 60	49 .. 80	149 .. 40	
2	121 .. 76	42 .. 80	164 .. 56	
3	57 .. 51	25 .. 75	83 .. 26	
4	69 .. 21	29 .. 50	98 .. 71	
5	61 .. 15	21 .. 12	82 .. 27	
6	54 .. 34	21 .. 13	75 .. 47	
7	53 .. 02	19 .. 51	72 .. 53	
8	36 .. 26	09 .. 06	45 .. 32	
9	37 .. 69	10 .. 75	48 .. 44	
10	53 .. 25	26 .. 79	80 .. 04	

Sum total . . . \$ 900 .. 00

Nathaniel Howard Collector

Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens

Abijah Spaulding } witnesses

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Middlebury, Vt.

Seal  
 To Mr. Robert Spalding Constable for the Town  
 of Chatham within the <sup>County</sup> of Middlebury

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of New South Wales  
 we hereby require forthwith to put in your attestation in pursuance  
 of this warrant, viz. Read at the meeting house in the  
 middle of this town, one at the Baptist meeting house, one  
 at the store of Capt. Thomas Whiting and one at the store  
 of Mr. Jesse Smith all in said town to warn and give  
 notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
 town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and  
 in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the  
 middle of said town on Monday the eighteenth day of  
 December instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to  
 act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a committee to make a settlement with the  
town Treasurer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the town will give some direction respecting  
the support of the poor or not anything respecting their  
support that the town may think proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr. Benson Chamberlain to see if  
the town will accept of a road which has been laid  
out by the Selectmen near the house of a Person Chamberlain  
and discontinue the old road in front  
of his house or not anything thereon that the town  
may think proper
- 5<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr. William Beman and others to see  
if the town will accept of the proceedings of the Select-  
men in widening the road in front of the house of  
William Beman or not anything thereon that the town  
may think proper

Do not fail not and make returns of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some  
time before the time appointed for said meeting  
Given ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup>

Hereof part was read at a Court of the Town of Chelmsford on the fifth day of December A.D. 1815

For the said Town of Chelmsford  
 Town Clerks  
 Abijah Holding } of Chelmsford

Constables return.

Whillockes for Town of Chelmsford December  
 of 1815 Pursuant to the within I have posted up  
 four attested copies of this warrant, viz: one  
 at the meeting house in the middle of this town  
 and at the Hospital meeting house, and at the stone  
 of St. Peter's Church, and at the stone of St. James's Church  
 and one at the stone of St. James's Church  
 the head of the Whillockes turned all in Chelmsford  
 for purposes expressed in this instrument.

For the said Town of Chelmsford  
 Abijah Holding } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Flowerd Town Clerk



At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chatham held on the eighteenth day of December A D 1815 it was voted as follows. viz.

Voted For moderator & those Thomas Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted That the Committee consist of those & those Thomas Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup> Aaron Chamberlins and Joel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> —

Voted That the overseers of the Poor be directed to contract for the support of all Town & State Paupers which are or may be within the limits of the town of Chatham for the ensuing year to commence on the first Monday in February next with such suitable persons as will undertake the same for the lowest sum to be ascertained at public notice of paupers said contract to include all expenses of every nature arising within said town for their support clothing and nursing doctoring burials &c. provided they be kept and supported to the satisfaction of the said overseers of the Poor and that the undertaker receive of the Town all the money the Town may receive of the State for the paupers aforesaid and shall pay all expenses which may arise from the absconding of any pauper which may have been committed to him for support by the overseers ~~of~~ aforesaid with such further conditions as the overseers may think proper —

Voted To receive the report of the Selectmen in laying out the road by the house of Aaron Chamberlins —

Voted To discontinue the said road in front of Aaron Chamberlins house —

Voted That the fifth article in the warrant be postponed untill March meeting —

Voted That this meeting be dissolved —

Resolved by Nathaniel Flowers Town Clerk

## Highway

At the request of Aaron Chamberlain and the  
Subscribers have mined and level out for the use of the  
Town a Highway level to land, now as follows.

Beginning at a stake and stone by the dam and  
running south road which leads from the Chamberlain  
meeting house by Aaron Chamberlain's birth house  
in said Chamberlain's lot from thence running westward  
by the corner of said Chamberlain's lot to the said wall  
to the northwesterly side of an elm tree from thence  
westwardly by the southwesterly side of a house  
then along a city road from a said  
Chamberlain's house and out to the road which  
leads from this road to the house of John Allen.

Said way to be two rods wide and to lie on the  
northwesterly side of said parcels.

Witnessed to and signed } Election  
Samuel Lawrence } at

Philip S. Spalding } Chamberlain's lot

Dated Chamberlain's lot September 19<sup>th</sup> 1815.

Chamberlain's lot December 10<sup>th</sup> 1815

Whereby said lot is now for clearing up respec-  
tively said road provided the said road be  
discontinued.

Aaron Chamberlain

Witnessed by Samuel Lawrence  
Town clerk





25<sup>th</sup> 1843  
 1<sup>st</sup>ly To enquire if the town will determine go at large to enquire  
 upon and at the same time as the town may think proper  
 2<sup>d</sup>ly To enquire if the town will take up the business which was  
 adjourned at the last town meeting to March meeting  
 respecting a road near the house of Mr. William H. Young  
 and all any thing else in that the town may think  
 proper

ally it is one of the towers will serve as a room of assembly for  
the purpose of a singing school and at the same time  
there on that the towers may think proper.

10thly At the request of Capt. <sup>T</sup> Walter Chamberlain to see if the  
town will widen the road which leads by his house  
and at the same time the town may think proper

12th At the request of Doct. Oliver Scrifflere to see if the town will give him further time to settle his damages with the Town Treasurer for the years of 1838 & 1844 and out any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

2<sup>th</sup> As the request of Messrs. Weyman & Co. is such the  
town will admit some system or give any direction  
for keeping and setting the town accounts and  
transacting other town business or do anything  
thereas the town may think proper -

Thereof full notice and notice return of this ven-  
ant with your claims thereon unto the Solicitors  
some time before the time appointed for said  
meeting—

Given under our hands & seals at Chelms-  
ford aforesaid this nineteenth day of  
February A.D. 1846.  
Nathaniel Hayward Titistness

Nathaniel Howard } Pittman  
Saml. Stevens } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Townshend





# town meeting - 1816

Continued from March 4<sup>th</sup> 1816

At a legal meeting of the freeholders, and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs held on the fourth day of March A.D. 1816 and presided as follows, viz.

Voted For moderator and chose Daniel Wyman Esq.

Voted For Register of Deeds and the votes were for

Samuel Bartlett Esq. 70

Nepus Wyman Esq. 1

Voted For Town Clerk and chose Nathaniel Howard

and was sworn in open town meeting —

Voted To choose three Selectmen —

Voted For first Selectman and chose Nathaniel Howard

Voted For second Selectman and chose Joseph Bailey.

Voted For third Selectman and chose Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Voted For assessors and chose Lt. Caleb Abbott.

Voted To choose two Constables.

Voted For Constable for the east end of the town and chose Stephen Spalding.

Voted For Constable for the north end of the town and chose Robert Spalding.

Voted To choose six fishwardens —

Voted For fishwardens and chose {

James Hale
Lt. Henry S. Parker
Jail Woper
Simson Blodgett
Robert Spalding
Jail Lee

Voted To choose the remaining town officers by ballot vote

Voted For School Committee and chose in District {

No 1. Joseph Parker
No 2. Archabal McFarlin
No 3. Jail Parkhurst
No 4. Wm. Lewis junior
No 5. Capt. Salathiel Adams
No 6. Simon Byam



Voted For School Committee and chose

{  
 4th Oliver Pine Jr.  
 4th 8. Isaiah Spalding  
 4th 9 Capt. William Adams  
 4th 10 Ebenezer Adams  
 Capt. Benjamin Butterfield  
 Elijah Spalding  
 Joseph C. Hall  
 John Farrer  
 Charity & Dunn  
 Ephraim Warren  
 Joel Mansfield  
 Samuel F. Wood  
 Daniel Tusk  
 Josiah Poe  
 Sprague Livingston  
 James Marshall

Voted For Surveyors of highways and chose

Voted To choose four fire viewers

Voted For fire viewers and chose

{  
 Samuel F. Wood  
 Henry Colburn Jr.  
 Benjamin Parkhurst  
 James Hopkins

Voted To choose four field drivers

Voted For field drivers and chose

{  
 Daniel Tusk  
 Jonathan Parker  
 Andrew Parkhurst  
 Meubin Parker

Voted To choose six surveyors of lumber

Voted For Surveyors of lumber and chose

{  
 Samuel F. Wood  
 Asaiah Prater  
 Jonathan F. Fier  
 Isaac Chamberlin Jr.  
 Josiah Weber  
 Josiah Parkhurst

Voted To choose six measurers of wood

- Capt. Samuel Stevens
- Chenoweth Adams

Voted For measurers of wood  
and chose

- Silas Hoar
- Robert B. Chamberlin
- Samuel F. Wood
- Capt. John Shiel

Voted For Rogues and chose

- Jesse Smith
- Luke Thompson
- Samuel Reed
- Stephen C. Spalding
- Moses Chamberlin junr.
- Willard Byam
- Joseph Spalding
- Alpheus Spalding
- William Lewis junr.
- Benjamin Rier
- Moses Tyler junr.

Voted For Council due to & chose Stephen Pierce junr. —

Voted To choose four weighers of hay

- Luke Thompson
- Capt. Pinus Hillier

Voted For weighers of hay & chose

- Capt. Elisha Ford

Voted To choose one more weigher

- Capt. Josiah Pierce
- Capt. John Fletcher

Voted To choose two inspectors of lime —

Voted For inspectors of lime &  
chose

- Clement Spalding
- Simon Byam



Voted To choose <sup>four</sup> ~~two~~ endlers of Slaves.

Colled 100 mules, 30 of slaves and  
chose

{ Glenner Spalding  
 Capt. John Reed  
 Artemas Holders  
 Artemas Parmer

Noted to choose six anything men -

Colled For Tything men & chese

Resolved, That the report of the Committee which was charged  
to settle with the Treasurer,

Voted To raise the sum of six hundred dollars  
for the support of the Gas pipes in vesting for  
the year ensuing . . . . . \$ 600.00

Voted To raise the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars  
for paying the expenses of the town for the  
year ensuing . . . . . \$ 1600<sup>00</sup>

Vote To raise an additional sum of two hundred  
dollars for the expenses of the town. . . \$ 200.00

Voted To raise the sum of nine hundred dollars  
for the support of schools. - - - \$900.00

Value To raise the sum of fifteen hundred  
dollars for the repair of the highways. \$ 1500 " 00

Voted That the Schools be kept in the same way that they were the last year and the money be apportioned in the same way that it was the last year --

stated That the Highways be repaired in the same way  
that they were the last year and that the price of  
labour be the same.

25  
Voted That since I shall not go at large the coming year  
I shall postpone the ninth article in the warrant until  
April meeting - -

Voted To raise the sum of one hundred dollars for the  
purpose of singing - - - - - \$100.00

Voted To choose a committee to lay out the money for  
the use of singing - -

Voted To choose a committee consisting of  
five - -

Voted That said committee will choose Jonathan Burdett

Dea. Noah Shalding

Capt. Benjamin Butterfield

Saml. Adams Esqr.

Marius Perkins

Voted That their be two added to Capt. Wm. Adams  
the committee and chose

Voted To excuse Capt. Adams

and chose - - - - - Jesse Smith  
Capt. Abner Ford

Voted That the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant be put off until  
April meeting - -

Voted That the 13<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant <sup>be</sup> referred to  
a committee - -

Voted That the committee consist of three and chose

Amos Wyman Esqr.

Capt. William Adams

Saml. Adams Esqr.

Voted To dismiss the 12<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant - -

Voted That the high way can be made by the last means  
imposed by the Assessors making such alterations  
as they think proper - -

Voted That this meeting be dissolved - -

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk



# Settlement with Town Treasurer 1816

The Subscribers appointed a Committee to settle with  
the Town Treasurer, by leave to make the following

## Report

### 1st Ministerial Money

Received (viz.)

Balance due from the Treasurer last

settlement . . . . . \$ 374 " 20

Cash of Thomas Coburn collect. for 1815 375 " 00

Ministerial money received . . . . . \$ 749 " 20

Paid (viz.) Cash to Mr. Wilbur Allen . . . \$ 50 " 00

Do. Mr. John Pukens . . . . . 14 " 83

Do. Mr. John Spalding . . . . . 7 " 16

Do. Mr. Amariah Procter . . . 26 " 50

Ministerial money paid out . . . . . \$ 97 " 49

Leaving of ministerial money in  
the Treasurer's hands of . . . . . \$ 251 " 71

### 2. Town and School Money

Received (viz.)

Cash for Sales at Vineland . . . . . \$ 12 " 48

Do. of Joel Adams Esq. for one Ministry

offices for brethren of the Lords day 9 " 00

Do. of Dea. Oliver Scripture collector

for 1813 & 1814 . . . . . \$ 1869 " 51

see next page

To. of S. Samuel's Church - - - \$122.07

To. of Town & School - - - 41.51

To. of S. Church & School - - - ~~24.94~~

for 1875 - - - 305.50

To. of Doct. Oliver's Discharge

Collected for 1874 - - - 1400.00

Town and School money received - - - \$2763.07

Paid (viz.)

Cash to country orders of S. Church - - - 305.51

Leaving of Town & School money

due the Treasurer - - - \$247.10

### 3<sup>d</sup> Militia Money

Received. Balance in Treasury

last settlement - - - \$18.25

Cash received of five conditional

exempts - - - 10.00

Militia money in the Treasury - - - \$28.25

Balance of Ministerial Money in the

Treasury - - - \$200.71

Do. - - - Militia Money do - - - 28.25

\$228.96

Balance of Town & School money

due the Treasurer - - - 247.10

Leaving due to the Treasurer a

balance of - - - \$18.14

The Committee beg leave to report the following  
State of the Towns

### FINANCES.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Money

Due to the Town (viz.)

The above balance of - - - \$200.71



Taxes of 1815 Thomas Coburn collector  $\$ 143.46$   
 Ministerial money due the Town - - -  $\$ 344.17$   
 Expended and not paid  
 To Mr. John Perkins - - -  $\$ 28.80$   
 To Mr. John Spalding - - -  $12.76$   
 To the Parish Preter - - -  $25.00$   
 Ministerial money expended & not paid  $66.56$   
 Accounting of Ministerial <sup>money</sup> not expended - - -  $\$ 277.61$

2<sup>d</sup>. Town and School Money

Due to the Town (viz.)

Taxes of 1814 Doct<sup>r</sup> Oliver Scripser <sup>collector</sup>  $\$ 729.72$   
 Taxes of 1815 Thomas Coburn collector  $278.96$   
 From sundry persons for sales at <sup>market</sup>  $19.00$   
 For support of State Paupers - - -  $100.00$   
 Town & School money due the Town - - -  $\$ 3647.74$

Expended and not paid (viz.)

Orders drawn previous to 1813  $\$ 220.00$   
 Orders drawn since 1813 - -  $1614.16$   
 Town Note to Caleb Abbot money  $150.00$   
 Amount due to Caleb Abbot Supper  $600.00$   
 School Money to District No. 10  $53.25$   
 School Money to District No. 9  $37.69$   
 Accounts not ascertained but <sup>estimated</sup>  $450.00$   
 Town & School money expended & not paid - -  $3125.10$   
 Leaving of Town & School money not expended -  $\$ 522.64$   
 Ministerial Money not expended - -  $\$ 277.61$   
 Town & School Money not expended - -  $522.64$   
 Making of Money not expended but  
 remaining for the use of the Town - -  $\$ 800.25$   
 All which is

All which is respectfully submitted by

Rufus Hyman }  
 Aaron Chamberlin } Committee  
 Joel Adams }

Assented to by

Frederick Spalding Town Treasurer  
 Chelmsford March 1<sup>st</sup> 1816.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

### Oath

Middlesex fs. Chelmsford March 14<sup>th</sup> 1816  
 Then Nathaniel Howard Esq. of Chelmsford personally  
 appeared and took the oath required by law as one  
 of the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford the  
 year ensuing before me.

Recorded by Joel Adams Just. Peace  
 Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Joseph Bailey } Assessors was sworn  
 Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } May 6<sup>th</sup> 1816  
 Recorded by } Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

### Oath

Middlesex fs. Chelmsford April 26<sup>th</sup> 1816

Then Major Nathaniel Howard as one  
 of the assessors of the Town of Chelmsford personally  
 appeared and was administered to him the oath  
 prescribed by law for said office.

Before me

Rufus Hyman Justice, Peace

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town Officers AD 1816

26/4

Chelmsford March 4<sup>th</sup> 1816

The following named persons were on the above day in legal Town meeting chosen into the several Offices set against their respective names and have appeared and taken the Oath to the Officers into which they are chosen agreeably to law.

(viz)

Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk was sworn in open town meeting

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nathaniel Howard	} Aldermen
do - do	Joseph Waidey	
do - do	Henry Spalding 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

do - 18<sup>th</sup> St. Caleb Abbott - - - Treasurer

do - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stimson Spalding	} Constables
do - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Spalding	

do - 20<sup>th</sup> Joel Dix

} Fishwardens

For Assessors see page 263.

St. Caleb Abbott was sworn as collector October 26<sup>th</sup> 1816

~~do - 11<sup>th</sup> St. John Butterfield~~

do - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stimson Spalding	} Surveyors of Highways
do - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Hall	
do - do	John Farrer	
do - do	Charles L. Carr	
do - do	Amos Warren	
do - do	Joel Mansfield	

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March 20 Samuel F Wood

do 14 Spruce Livingston

do 11 James Marshall

April 1 Josiah Vane

May 6 Daniel Tuck

May 27 Capt. Benjamin Butler, field.

Surveyors of Highways

March 20 Samuel F Wood

March 14 James Robbins

Tree viewers

April 1 Phubert Parker

May 6 Daniel Tuck

Field drivers

March 20 Samuel F Wood

March 13 Dr. Jonathan Tyler

March 14 Josiah Weber

Surveyors of Lumber

March 14 Capt. Samuel Stevens

March 20 Ebenezer Adams

March 20 Samuel F Wood

Measurers of wood

March 14 Benjamin J Ober

Hay reapers



Haywards

May 9 Stephen Paine jun<sup>r</sup> Pennel Cooper

March 14 Capt. Josiah Stetson  
April 1 Lubie Thompson

Winifred of Hay

Inspectors of Service

Butlers of Haves

Lything mess

Attest Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

# April meeting.

Chelmsford April 1<sup>st</sup> 1816

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lt Governor and Councillors and Senators holden on the first day of April it being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lt Governor of said Commonwealth - And for giving in their ~~votes~~ votes for Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex. And for giving in their votes for a Treasurer for the <sup>said</sup> County.

Also those qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in town affairs and proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted That the names for Governor and Lt Governor & Senators shall all be on one ticket -

Voted For Governor & Lt Governor & Senators & Councillors and the votes were

For	{	Geo <sup>th</sup> John Brooks one hundred & forty nine	} Governor	
		and ten - - - - - 149		} Lt Governor
		Ho <sup>th</sup> Samuel Dexter Esqr one hundred & ten		
For	{	His Honour William Phillips one hundred and forty nine	} Governor	
		and ten - - - - - 149		} Lt Governor
		Ho <sup>th</sup> William King one hundred and ten - - - - - 110		



Sinctons and Beunsdons	Loth James Beuntdott Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	149
	Samuel P. P. Fay Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	148
	Calvin Sanger Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	149
	Samuel Hoar Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	110
	Hon Timothy Fuller Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	110
	Hon John Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	110
	Joseph Lake Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	1

Voted For Moderator and chose Rufus Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup> . . .

Voted For Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the  
votes were for Abel Haywood Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . 94  
for John Hughes Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . 73

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to next week on Monday  
at one o'clock in the afternoon at this place.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1816

At a legal town meeting holden on this day by  
adjournment from the first day of April and the  
moderator being present and presided as follows. viz.

Voted To excuse Jonathan Manning from serving as Tything man.

Voted That the Assessors take the Towns the ensuing year  
in such a way and manner as they shall think proper  
to make the tax pay by.

Voted To put from the article respecting William <sup>Byant</sup> ~~Ball~~ untill  
next meeting.

Voted That the Selectmen view the road which Capt. Ball  
Chamberlin requested in March meeting was sent  
and make report to the town.

Voted To take up the report of the Committee respecting keep-  
ing and settling the town accounts and to be taken under  
discussion.

Voted That the report of the Committee be ~~accepted~~ as has been  
announced be accepted.

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to view the bridge near  
the mills of William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> and if they think proper  
the next page to

To lay out his highway ~~highway~~ lay on the bridge.

Voted That the Treasurer shall be Collector of taxes for the coming year.

Voted To restrain Horses and Commorable Beasts from going ~~on the~~ at large.

Voted To dismiss the eleventh article in the warrant.

Voted To reconsider the vote which was passed not to restrain Horses and Commorable Beasts from going on the commons.

Voted To restrain Horses and Commorable Beasts from going on the commons.

Voted To restrain Horses & Commorable Beasts from going on the commons from the first day of May next.

Voted That the 12<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant be dismissed.

Voted That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## April meeting warrant. 1816

Middlesex ss. To Whom it may come one of the Constables of the Town of Woburnford within the County of Middlesex.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant: one at the meeting house in the middle of said town & one at the ~~other~~ Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the free holders and other inhabitants ~~other inhabitants~~ of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut. Governor and Senators & Councillors and Representatives agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth, also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the ~~house of~~ meeting house in the middle of said town on on Monday the first day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles agreeably to their qualifications viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Councillors and Senators for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.
- 3<sup>thly</sup> To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex.
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To fill up all vacant Town Offices.
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Assessors a true and correct invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make the taxes be in said Town the year ensuing and determine their own that the Town may think proper.
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To take up the business which was adjourned at March meeting to April meeting and determine their own that the Town may think proper.

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7<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee who was chosen at March meeting as putting out a new system for the town and seeing the Town accounts and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

8<sup>th</sup> At the request of William Williams Esq. to see if the Town will appropriate his highway by the widening and repairing the bridge near his mill and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

9<sup>th</sup> To see in what way the taxes shall be collected the year ensuing and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will restrain Horses and Carriageable beasts from going on the Common and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will sell the barstons and Iron Nittles which are in the Town store and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

12<sup>th</sup> At the request of a number of the inhabitants of the Town to see if the Town will sell two French horns which belong to the Town and out any thing there on that the Town may think proper.

~~Whereas by Authority of the Town Clerk~~

Hereof printed and make return of this warrant with your doings there on to the Selectmen sometime before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chatham aforesaid this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1816

Northwell Howard } Selectmen

Joseph Bailey }

Henry Spalding } of Chatham

Recorded by Northwell Howard Town Clerk

There was another warrant of the same date and in the foregoing which was ~~also~~ directed to the other Selectmen viz. Henry Spalding and for the returns of each see next page



## Constables returns.

Middlesey Js. Court March 20<sup>th</sup> 1816

I have posted up two attested copies of ~~this warrant~~ the  
 within warrant one at the meeting house in the middle  
 of the said town and one at the Baptist meeting house  
 in the same Chelmsford

Robert Spalding } Constable of the  
 town of Chelmsford

1816  
Middlesey Js. Town of Chelmsford March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Persuant to the within I have posted up two attested  
 copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Capt  
 Thomas Whiting near Parmenter's Hall and one at  
 the store of Mr. Jesse Smith at the head of Middlesey  
 Canal all in Chelmsford for purposes expressed  
 in this instrument

Robert Spalding } Constable of  
 Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The Committee to whom was referred the thirtieth article of the warrant for the annual Town meeting in March last (viz) to see if Town will adopt same system or give any directions for keeping and settling the Towns accounts and conducting other Town business they have to make the following Report.

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Your Committee in attending to the services assigned them have not imbraced in their deliberation all the various business of a Town nor the whole duty of any Town officer but have confined their attention to such particular duties and transactions as seemed to them to be most interesting to the Town and most susceptible of improvement & reform. Your Committee would recommend the observance of the following rules and regulations as the result of their investigations.

The selectmen shall keep a fair record of their <sup>and of the names of the members of their board presented as</sup> official acts of their meetings attested by their Chairman or presiding member.

They shall in the week next preceeding the annual town meeting in the month of March enter on their books a clear and distinct account of ~~their~~ the expenditures of the Town during the year (exclusive of expenses for the support of Paupers) and also a statement of all monies due to or from the Town with the balance of the same and post up copies thereof in such public places as they may think proper.

2 { They shall examine the lists of the collectors at least once in every three months and enter on their books the sums collected and the sums paid to the ~~Town~~ Treasurer after the next preceeding examination.

1 { They shall allow to Constables no pay for the printing of copies of warrants for the warning of



of Town meetings.

At the time any collector may cease to be entitled to receive a permission for any taxes he may after wards collect they shall be ascertained and enter on their books the amount then collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Whenever the Treasurer may have been appointed collector they shall examine his <sup>tax</sup> lists at the expiration of the term for each abatement or discount as certain and enter on their books the amount collected during the same and the sum allowed for abatements or discounts and make two certificates thereof signed by themselves and the Treasurer, one to be retained by them and the other to be delivered to him.

The Overseers of the poor shall in like manner keep a record of their doings, make on their books entries of expenses for the support of Paupers during the year and post up copies of the same.

Accounts and demands allowed by the Selectmen or Overseers of the Poor shall be ~~paid~~ fair and specify the several items as far as the same may be done with convenience shall be signed by the Creditor, shall be numbered and filed. A new file shall be begun after each annual Town meeting in March.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Selectmen or Overseers of the Poor may be on printed blanks and payable to order, shall refer to the accounts or demand on file for which they were drawn and shall be numbered and a new series of numbers shall be begun after each annual meeting in March. A record or ~~number~~ memorandum of each order shall be entered in books kept exclusively for that purpose.

The Assessors in making the lists of taxes shall leave a blank column that the collector may

note in it the time each person assessed may make payment of his tax and if the Treasurer have been appointed collector they shall leave one other blank column that he may also enter the sum so paid.

The collector of taxes shall forthwith collect the taxes of all transient persons. They shall not receive any premium for the collection of any taxes which remain not collected and paid to the Treasurer on the first day of June next after receiving their tax lists. They shall enter on their lists the month and day that of each person assessed may have paid his tax.

The Town Treasurer shall keep a fair and true account charging himself with all monies received and ~~credit~~ crediting himself with all monies paid by him. The receipts and payments of Town and School money shall be kept in one account but the accounts of Ministerial ~~money~~ Militia and other monies shall be kept separately. Accounts shall be opened with each collector and all other persons indebted to the Town shall be charged according by.

He shall number ~~his~~ and file his vouchers and begin a new file after each annual March meeting.

He shall in the week preceding the annual meeting in March post up in such public places as he may think proper a statement of all monies received and paid by him during the year ascertaining the balance on each separate account and also the total amount received and paid with the balance of the same.

Whenever the Town Treasurer shall have been



been appointed Collector of taxes the lists of all taxes excepting in such cases as the Town shall otherwise specially direct shall be delivered to him within five days after the third morrowday in ~~of~~ October next after the ~~receiving~~ raising or voting of the money assessed.

The abatement or discount on taxes paid agreeably to law within thirty days after such delivery of the Tax lists and due notice thereof shall be six per centum. if the same be paid in sixty days four per centum. if ~~paid~~ within one hundred and twenty days two per centum.

On all Taxes paid to him within one hundred and twenty days after receiving his lists he shall receive a premium of one per centum as a compensation for collecting the same. For collecting the ~~of~~ taxes and paying the same after the said one hundred and twenty days and before the first day of June next following this shall be paid or allowed to him or his deputies a premium of four per centum on all taxes he or they may so collect and pay over, but no compensation whatever shall be allowed to him or his deputies for the collecting and paying of any taxes which remain uncollected and <sup>not</sup> paid on the said first day of June.

The Town Treasurer shall in all cases give bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the faithful performance of all the duties of his office.

Auditors of the Town's Accounts shall be chosen in March or April annually. They shall in the week next preceeding the annual March meeting examine the Town's accounts at which examination some one of the Selectmen and overseers of the poor with the necessary files and Books shall be present <sup>and</sup>

and check the record or memorandum of each ~~order~~ order on the Treasurer which shall appear to have been paid. The Auditor shall ascertain the receipts and ~~and~~ payments ~~and~~ by the Treasurer since the preceding settlement of all Town and School ~~monies~~ ministerial and other monies with the balance of each and also total sums received and paid by him with the balance of the same and make report thereof at the next Town meeting.

The Report of the Auditor of accounts or a major part of them signed by the Treasurer and accepted by the Town shall be a final settlement of accounts between him and the Town.

They shall certify on the books of the Treasurer whether his accounts have been properly received and correctly cast. They shall state the balance of each account and the total balance due to or from him as the same may be and defend his vouchers.

They shall be a Committee to receive <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ any Town officer the Books, papers and other appurtenances to his office and to deliver the same to his successor.

Each Town officer may make <sup>additional</sup> such alterations in transacting the business of his office as may be found most beneficial to the Town.

All which is respectfully submitted

Rufus Wyman }  
Wm Adams } Committee  
Jael Adams }

Chilmsford April 1<sup>st</sup> 1816

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## May meeting 1816

Pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution having been duly convened in town meeting on the ninth day of May current for the choice of one or more Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth.

The Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs were notified to assemble on said day and proceeded as follows first Voted Not to send any Representative to the General Court for the ensuing year.

Voted For moderator and chose Jonathan Perham Esq.

Voted That the third article in the warrant be dismissed.

Voted That the fourth article in the warrant be dismissed.

Voted That the names of the select men be added to the list of jurors.

Voted That the list of jurors be accepted.

Voted To choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Voted That the Committee consist of three and chose Nathaniel Howard Rufus Wyman Esq. Jonathan Perham Esq.

Voted To choose a Committee to view the burying yard in the northerly part of the Town and for making arrangements for building Tombs.

Voted That the Committee consist of three and chose Majr Joseph Fletcher, Jonathan Perham Esq. and Capt Benjamin Butterfield.

Voted That Majr Joseph Fletcher and others shall have liberty to build Tombs in the burying yard in the northerly part of the Town.

In rupt. Judge

Voted That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard

Town Clerk

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# May meeting warrant 1816

Middlebury Jps. To Chilman, Chalding one of the  
Constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County  
of Middlebury

Greeting

For the purpose of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attes-  
ted Copies of this warrant, one at the ~~House~~ Meeting  
House in the middle of said Town and one at ~~the~~  
~~the~~ Baptist meeting house in said Town to warn  
and give notice to the Freeholders and other inhabit-  
ants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said  
Commonwealth. Also those who are qualified by  
law to vote for in town affairs to assemble at the  
meeting house in the middle of said Town on Thurs-  
day the ninth day of May next at one o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will make choice of some suitable  
person or persons to represent this town in the Ge-  
neral Court of this Commonwealth for the ensuing  
year or act any thing thereon that the Town may  
think proper.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting —
- 3<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting the  
vocal man Capt. Isaac Chamberlain and to act  
any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take up the article which was adj-  
ourned at April meeting to May meeting and act  
any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a list of persons names  
made out by the Selectmen for regulating the fer-  
or hay and act any thing thereon that the Town may  
think proper.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will choose a Committee to  
make an annual settlement with the Town Treasurers  
and act any thing thereon that the Town may think  
proper.

7<sup>th</sup>

7thly At the request of Capt<sup>n</sup> Joseph Webster & such  
the Town will grant him and others liberty  
to build Doan's in the burying yard in the  
northerly part of the town and not any thing  
thereon that the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon unto the  
Selectmen sometime before the time app-  
ointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals  
this twenty third day of April A.D. 1816

Nathaniel Howard Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Shalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Chetumsford

Constables return on the back of the  
above warrant —

Chetumsford April 25<sup>th</sup> 1816

I have posted up two copies of the within  
warrant, one at the meeting house in the  
middle of the town and one at the Baptist  
meeting house in said Chetumsford.

Stilman Shalding } Constable  
of the Town  
Chetumsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard  
Town Clerk



## May meeting Warrant 1816

Middlesex Co. To Robert Spalding one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two written  
copies of this warrant one at the store of Capt. Thomas  
Whitings and one at the store of Jesse Smith in said  
town to warn and give notice to the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town who are qual-  
ified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
in the General Court of said Commonwealth. Also  
those who are qualified by law to vote in town meet-  
ings to assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town on Thursday the ninth day of May  
next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on  
the following articles. viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will make choice of some su-  
itable person or persons to represent this Town  
in the General Court of this Commonwealth  
for the ensuing year or on any thing thereon  
that the Town may think proper.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

3<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting the  
road near Capt. Isaac Chamberlins and to act  
on any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take up the article which  
was adjourned at April meeting until  
May meeting and act on any thing thereon that  
~~that~~ the Town may think proper.

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a list of persons  
names made out by the Selectmen for regulating  
the ~~furor~~ furor law and act on any thing thereon  
that the Town may think proper.

6<sup>th</sup>

6thly To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make an annual settlement with the Commissioners and out every thing there on that the Town may think proper.

7thly At the request of Majr. Joseph Bailey, to see if the Town will grant him and others liberty to build Scauds in the burying yard in the Northerly part of the Town and at every thing there on that the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford afore said this twenty third day of April A.D. 1816.

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>th</sup> } Chelmsford

The following is the return of the above Warrant.

Middlesex Jr. Town of Chelmsford 27<sup>th</sup> April 27<sup>th</sup> 1816 Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the store of Capt. Thomas Phillips near Putnam's falls and one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smith at the head of the Middlesex Canal all in Chelmsford for purposes expressed in this instrument.

Robert Spalding } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> 1816

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution having been duly convened in town meeting on the eighteenth day of May A.D. 1816 for the choice of one or more Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth and proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted To send a Representative to the General Court for the ensuing year —

Valid That this meeting be dismissed —

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk.

## Warrant.

Said Middlesex Co. Court Robert Spalding one of the  
 Constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County  
 of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
 are hereby required forthwith to summon and notify the  
 freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are  
 qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
 to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble  
 at the meeting place in the middle of said town on  
 Saturday the eighteenth day of May instant at three  
 o'clock in the afternoon to act in the following article viz.

At the request of Cornel Amos Whitney and others to  
 see if the town will make the choice of some suitable person  
 or persons to represent this town in the General Court  
 of this Commonwealth for the year ensuing and act  
 on any thing therein that the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
 with your doings therein unto the Selectmen some  
 time before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
 aforesaid this tenth day of May A.D. 1816.

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen

Joseph Bailey }

Henry Spalding Jr. } Chelmsford

The following is the return which was made on the  
 back of the above warrant.

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford May 11<sup>th</sup> 1816  
 Pursuant to the within warrant we have notified and  
 summoned verbally the male inhabitants of said  
 town Easterly of the centre of the Middlesex turnpike  
 qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time  
 and place and for the purpose within mentioned  
 and by posting up two attested copies of this warrant  
 viz. one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whitney and  
 one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smiths all for purpose  
 expressed in this instrument

Robert Spalding } Constable of  
 Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## Warrant

Middlesex Co. To Wm. Stillman, Shalding one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby required forthwith to summon and notify the free hold-  
ers and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified  
by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General  
Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Saturday the eighteenth  
day of May instant at three O'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following article. viz.

At the request of Cort. Amos Whetney and others to see if  
the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons  
to represent this town in the General Court of this common-  
wealth for the year ensuing and do any thing therein  
that the town may think proper.

Hereof find not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen some time  
before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this tenth day of May AD 1816

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Shalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } of Chelmsford

The following is the return which was made on the back of this  
above warrant

Middlesex Co. Chelmsford May 11<sup>th</sup> 1816

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified all the  
inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford within my knowledge  
who possess the qualifications herein specified and live on  
the westerly side of the centre of the Middlesex Turnpike road  
to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes herein  
mentioned. I have also posted up attested copies of this war-  
rant one at the meeting house in the middle of the town  
and one at the Baptist meeting house in the southerly part  
of said town

Stillman Shalding } Constable  
of the  
Town of Chelmsford

Approved by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

## List of Jurymen 1816

The following are a list of names selected by the Select men for the purpose of filling the jury box. At May 1<sup>st</sup> 1816.

William Adams Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nathan Chamberlin
Simon Blackgit	John Carter
Capt. John Butterfield	Moses Hale
Chas. Baldwin Esq <sup>r</sup>	Asa Hodgman
Capt. Joseph Bowers	Gael Mansfield
Capt. Benjamin Butterfield	Cor. Ebenezer Parker
Henry Coburn Junr	Samuel Parkhurst
Johnson Davis	Dr. Josiah Parkhurst
Dr. Owen Emerson	Oliver Parkhurst
Capt. William Fletcher	Lt. Joseph Parker
William Fletcher	Lt. Henry Parker
Capt. Josiah Fletcher	Joseph Palmer
Majr. Joseph Fletcher	James Robbins
Capt. Josiah Fletcher	Capt. James Spalding
John Goulden	Lt. Luraiah Spalding
Artemas Holden	Aseniah Spalding
Jonathan Perham Esq <sup>r</sup>	Capt. Samuel Stearns
Gael Parkhurst	Lt. John Stearns
Elijah Richardson	Joseph Warren
Samson Stevens	Capt. Zachariah Wright
Andrew Spalding	Nathaniel Howard
Capt. Jonathan Spalding	Joseph Bailey
Lt. Asa Spalding	Henry Spalding 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jesse Smith	
Simon Spalding	
Lt. Jonathan Tyler	
Capt. Phineas Whiting	
Capt. Amos Whiting	
Samuel F. Wood	
Joseph Adams	
Lt. Caleb Abbott	
Capt. Caleb Adams	
Amos Byam	
Joseph Chamberlin	

The above list was accepted by the Town May 9<sup>th</sup> 1816 and recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## List of Jurymen 1813

A list of names selected for Jurymen May 21<sup>st</sup> 1813

William Adams Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Putnam
Joseph Adams	Jonathan Parker 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Samuel Adams	Joseph Parker
Calvin Abbott	Henry S. Parker
Simon Blackgit	Oliver Richardson
Capt. John Butterfield	Elijah Richardson
Cyrus Baldwin Esq <sup>r</sup>	James Robbins
Capt. Josiah Bowers	Moses Robbins
Capt. Benjamin Butterfield	Samson Stevens
Joseph Bailey	Andrew Spalding
Samuel Butterfield	Joseph Spalding
Amos Byers	Capt. Jonathan Spalding
John Bateman	Micah Spalding
Joseph Chamberlin	Capt. Asah Spalding
Aaron Chamberlin Jun <sup>r</sup>	Henry Spalding 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Henry Coburn Jun <sup>r</sup>	Simon Spalding
Johnson Davis	Capt. Sherebiah Spalding
David Owen Emerson	Dea. John Spalding
William Fletcher	Shariah Spalding
Capt. William Fletcher	Capt. John Steel
Capt. Josiah Fletcher	Nathan Tyler
Capt. Josiah Fletcher 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Capt. Phineas Whiting
Maj. Josiah Fletcher	Cornet Thomas Whiting
Capt. Josiah Fletcher	Samuel F. Wood
Capt. Elisha Ford	Joseph Warren
Moses Hale	Capt. Zachariah Wright
Asa Hodgson	65
Jacob Hilder	Nathaniel Howard
James Marshall	Samuel Stevens
Phil. Moors	Abigail Spalding
Ephraim Osgood	68
Oliver Parkhurst	The three last names were
Jonathan Perham Esq <sup>r</sup>	called by a vote of the Town
Joel Parkhurst	
Col. Ebenezer Parker	
Stephen Pinne	
Samuel Parkhurst	
Dea. Josiah Parkhurst	

The above list was accepted by the Town on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D. 1813 and Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlesex R. J. W. Robert Spalding one of  
the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within  
the County of Middlesex

Greeting  
In the name of the barons and wealth of  
Chelmsford the year is hereby required for the  
with to fast up two official copies of this warra-  
nt. one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whidney  
and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in  
said town to warrant and give notice to the  
freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town who are qualified by law to vote for  
town officers and in town affairs to assemble  
at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Tuesday the eighth day of October  
next at one o'clock in the afternoon to  
act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the Petition of Capt. Phineas Whidney and  
others to the General Court respecting being  
incorporated into a new town and to act  
on any thing thereon respecting said petition  
that the town may think proper.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the town will build a new horse  
to carry the dead on and act on any thing there-  
on that the town may think proper.

Hereof said not and mature terms of  
this warrant with your clerks thereon unto  
the select men or before the twenty eighth  
day of September instant.

Given under our hands and seals at  
Chelmsford the twenty eighth day of  
September A.D. 1816

Nathaniel Howard) Titutmen  
Joseph Bailey  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> of  
Chelmsford

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of September 1816



Return of the foregoing Warrant.

Middlesex St. Town of Chelmsford September 29<sup>th</sup>  
1846 Pursuant to the within I have posted up two  
attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the store  
of Capt. J. B. Whiteing near Colchester Falls &  
one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smith near the head  
of Middlesex Canal all in Chelmsford for bur-  
gas expressed in the instrument

Constable  
Robert Spalding of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlesex St. Town of Chelmsford, holding one  
of the warrants for the town of Chelmsford with  
in the County of Middlesex

Accordingly  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass-  
achusetts we are hereby required for the with-  
fast up two attested copies of this warrant viz.  
one at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town & one at the Baptist meeting house in said  
town to read and give notice to the free ho-  
lders and other inhabitants of said town  
who are qualified by law to vote for town of-  
ficers and in town affairs to assemble at the  
meeting house in the middle of said town  
on Thursday the eighth day of October next at  
one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles viz.

To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

2<sup>d</sup> To hear the Petition of Capt. Johnson and  
others to the General Court respecting being  
super-added into a new town and to order  
any thing there on respecting said petition  
that the town may think proper.

3<sup>d</sup> To say if the town will build a new mill to  
carry the deed on and out any thing there on  
that the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of  
this warrant with your doings there on  
unto the Selectmen <sup>or</sup> before the twentieth  
day of September instant.

Given under our hands and seals at  
Chilmark afore said this twentieth  
day of September. A.D. 1816.

Nathaniel Howard Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey  
Henry Spalding<sup>3<sup>th</sup></sup> of  
Chilmark

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Return of the foregoing warrant  
Middlesex Co. Town of Chilmark September 28<sup>th</sup> 1816  
In pursuance of this warrant I have posted up two  
copies of this warrant one at the meeting-  
house in the middle of the town and one at the  
Baptist meeting house in said town

Constable of  
Chilmark Spalding the town of  
Chilmark

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town meeting October 8th 1816

All a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs held on the above day and proceeded as follows. viz.

- Voted For moderator and clerk Nathaniel Howard.
- Voted To have the petition read.
- Voted To choose an agent or agents to appear the next week of the petition.
- Voted To choose two agents and have but one of them attend at the Court at a time.
- Voted To choose the agents by ballot.
- Voted For agents and chose Rufus Wyman & Cyrus Baldwin Esqrs.
- Voted To excuse Rufus Wyman Esq. from serving as an agent.
- Voted For an agent and chose Jonathan Perham Esq.
- Voted That it shall be left discretionary with the agents for both of them to attend Court at a time or not.
- Voted That the selectmen be directed to build a guard new Flise.
- Voted That this meeting be dismissed.
- Resolved By Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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Incorporation

We the Subscribers do hereby certify that the Town of  
Hingham, in the County of Dukes, State of Massachusetts, do hereby  
authorize the said Town to take and publish  
a map of the said Town, to be sold at public sale  
and to use the same for any purpose or purposes which  
may be deemed to be in the interest of the Town, as  
passed June 16<sup>th</sup> 1795.

Given under our hands the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1816.

Nathaniel Howard, Clerk,  
Joseph Bailey  
Hennery (Helding?) of Hingham  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



School money apportioned for A. L. 1816

S. of Districts	Men School	Women School	Total
	£	£	£
1	112" 68	56" 34	169" 02
2	121" 73	42" 79	164" 52
3	50" 86	25" 43	76" 29
4	71" 76	35" 87	107" 63
5	50" 02	25" 01	75" 03
6	52" 93	21" 96	74" 89
7	37" 74	18" 87	56" 61
8	39" 60	10" 79	50" 39
9	33" 93	10" 25	44" 18
10	54" 30	27" 14	81" 44
Sum Total			£ 900" 00

Nathaniel Howard } Selectman

Joseph Bailey } - of

Henry Spaulding } Cheshamford

Approved by Nathaniel Howard Secy Clerk





Voted That the report of the Committee ~~be~~ with the amendment be accepted.

Voted That the fifth article of the warrant be referred to a Committee and report at the next meeting.

Voted That the Committee consist of three and chose Messrs Messrs Esq<sup>r</sup> William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> and Capt<sup>r</sup> James Pitts.

Voted That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Secy. Clerk

Middlesex Co. to be returned and filed in any one of the Constables of the Town of Chelsea and within the County of Middlesex

Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth; also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the fourth day of November next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex District in the Congress of the United States of America.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see in what way the town will have the tax of said town after the first Monday in February next and not any thing thereon respecting said tax that the town may think proper.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town for making a survey of the town for building

Yours



Tombstones in the burying yard in the northerly part of of the town come to out any thing thereon, that the town may think proper.

5thly At the request of Alexander Spalding and others to sell the town will purchase of the Mass. State a small tract of land southerly of the middle burying ground so as to include the house-ment of the Rev. Mr. Fiske the pastor of this town together with those of his family or out any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Resolved not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of October instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1816.

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Henry Spalding } Chelmsford

The laws of the foregoing were read.  
Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford  
October 24<sup>th</sup> 1816 I have posted up two attested copies of the within warrant, one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town.

Stitman Spalding } Constable  
of the Town of  
Chelmsford

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> Middlebury N. H. Report Standing a copy of the Constitution of the town of Middlebury within the County of Middlebury

2<sup>nd</sup> And the same of the town of Middlebury of the same year as you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of the same viz. one at the office of Capt. Oliver Whiteings and one at the door of your meeting house and to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of the State of New Hampshire. Also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the fourth day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1<sup>st</sup> That those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote in said town should use their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlebury District in the Congress of the United States of America.

2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> To see in what way the town will have the Poor of said town supported after the first Monday in February next since our <sup>respecting this year</sup> thing thereon that the town may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town for making arrangements for building a carriage in the burying yard in the northerly part of the town and to act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

5<sup>th</sup> At the request of Abneriah ~~Porter~~ Spalding and others to see if the town will purchase of Mr.



Mr. Moses Hale a small tract of land southerly of the middle burying ground so as to include the Hornum-  
 out of the Plot Mr. Hike the first Pastor of this town  
 together with those of his family or out any thing  
 thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof part not and make return of this warrant  
 not with your discharge there as unto the select men  
 or before the twenty fourth day of October instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
 and witnessed this twenty fourth day of October  
 A.D. 1816

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
 Joseph Bailey }  
 Henry Spalding } of Chelmsford

Return of the above warrant:

Middlesex ss. I, John of Chelmsford October  
 26<sup>th</sup> 1816, Pursuant to the within I have parted  
 up two attested copies of this warrant, viz. one  
 at the store of Capt. Phineas Whiteing and one  
 at the store of Mr. Jesse Smith all in Chelmsford  
 for purposes expressed in this instrument.

Robert Spalding } Constable  
 of Chelmsford

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Chelmsford November 22<sup>th</sup> 1816

We the <sup>Subscribers</sup> Selectmen of Chelmsford hereby certify that we have perused  
a stated map and examined the boundaries  
between the said town and the towns and as  
follows, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beginning at a stake called the Pine Knot stake
- 2<sup>d</sup> A white oak tree at junction of Yellow and meadow  
lands.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A heap of stones on a pine stump by the road.
- 4<sup>th</sup> A black oak stump with stones about it by  
a field of the heirs of the late Timothy Livingstone.
- 5<sup>th</sup> A heap of stones on a great rock by said field.
- 6<sup>th</sup> A dead pine stump with stones about it  
by said field.
- 7<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones against William Thoms-  
son's field in the pine.
- 8<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones in the pine by the great  
road.
- 9<sup>th</sup> A heap of stones on a great rock in Louis's pine  
near a great rock.
- 10<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones by Adams's pine.
- 11<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones by a wall against  
said Adams's land.
- 12<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones by said Adams's pine.
- 13<sup>th</sup> A walnut stump with stake and stones  
in Zebulon Spalding's pine.
- 14<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones a little distance from  
the pine near a great rock.
- 15<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones easterly of Benjamin  
Adams's land.
- 16<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones near a barrel sup-  
posed to be a corner barrel of lots.
- 17<sup>th</sup> A stake and stones round it near a  
white pine stump against Benjamin  
Adams's land.



18- A Stone and stones by the well against Henry Spalding's field.

19- A Stone and stones against the P. Davis field.

20- A Stone and stones against said field.

21- A Stone and stones in the P. Davis meadow which is the corner bound.

Samuel Whiting

John Crosby

Witness

~~Witness~~  
~~Witness~~

Nathaniel Howard

Joseph Bailey

Witness

of  
Cheshire

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard

6/17/42

Chilmark August 13<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Then we the subscribers, proceeded to form a double  
~~row~~ the lines and named the towns between  
the towns of Chatham and Bristol which  
are as follows viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - A Stake & stones at Villersville line.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - A Stake & stones on the east side of Mrs. Childers field now grown up to pines.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - A Stake and stones on the west side of Mrs. Childers field.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - A Stake and stones in the highway between Moulens Parkers & Gornethers Parkers pasture.
- 5<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones east of the highway leading from Levi Proctors to the W. Crossbys.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones in the W. <sup>Ely</sup> ~~Proctor~~ <sup>Proctor</sup> pasture
- 7<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones in the field that was Eldad Proctors.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones in wood land that was Eldad Proctors.
- 9<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones in Churchs Parkers wood land.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones in a field that was William Polsons near William Blaisdells.
- 11<sup>th</sup> - A Stake & stones about one rod west of the field that was William Polsons.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - A White oak tree is marked by a wall.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - A Stake and stones in the field that was John Mansfield marking the south <sup>west</sup> ~~east~~ corner of Colburns pond & the northwest corner of Carhills.

Northaniel Howard } School m<sup>rs</sup>  
Joseph Bailey } of Exhampford

Jones Parker } Schistress  
 Aaron Robbins } Carlisle

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk



Chubbsford 5 December 19<sup>th</sup> 1746

Then we the subscribers perambulated run the line and removed the bounds between Chubbsford and Westford which are as follows viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> A Stake & stones in Lynns meadow
- 2 - A Stake & stones.
- 3 - ~~A stake near a pond hole~~
- 4 - A stake & stones east of the house that was David Fletchers near Nathaniel Howards land.
- 5 - A stake & stones near the house of Isaac Rogers house.
- 6 - A stake & stones by Samuel Richardsons well.
- 7 - A stake & stones South of Capt. Rogers house.
- 8 - A white oak tree marked by the road that leads from Chubbsford to Westford.
- 9 - A Chestnut tree marked in the W. Howards pasture.
- 10 - A stake & stones near Samuel Rogers.
- 11 - A stake & stones in the W. Keywoods field.
- 12 - A <sup>stake</sup> in John Marshbills by a rock.
- 13 - A stake & stones on the pond plain.
- 14 - A stake & stones west of Thomas Huttons house by the south side of the woods.
- 15 - A stake & stones east of Josiah Boyntons house at Carlisle line.

H.B. The third bound not passed

Nathaniel Howard	} Chubbsford Westford
Joseph Bailey	
Thomas Fletcher	
Isabella Goodhue	

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The Committee appointed by the town of Chelmsford to make arrangements for building tombs in the burying ground near Mr. Thibault's building have attended that service and wish to report as follows viz.

Your Committee find in the southwesterly corner of said burying ground a piece of ground 126 feet in front running back 50 feet to be a very suitable and convenient place to build tombs upon.

Your Committee also find in the north<sup>westerly</sup> corner of said burying ground a very suitable piece of ground for tombs 35 feet on the south line running back 24 feet to the north.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is very fit and proper that the two pieces of ground above mentioned together with sufficient room in front of each piece of ground above mentioned for a convenient pass way reserved by the town for the benefit of the inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford who may feel disposed to build tombs.

Your Committee are likewise of opinion the tombs when built should be in uniformity one with another and that every person who may build <sup>a</sup> tomb in said yard shall not murther the same with earth stone or otherwise injure any grave stone or do any other damage.

All which is respectfully submitted

Joseph Fletcher } Committee  
Jonathan Perhams

Chelmsford November 4<sup>th</sup> 1816

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Middlebury fs. To Robert Spalding one of the  
constables of the town of Lebanon and within the bound-  
ary of Middlebury

Gratifying

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts you are hereby required forthwith to post  
up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at  
the store of Capt. Phineas Whitings and one at the  
store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said town to warn  
and give notice to the free holders and other  
inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law  
to vote for town officers and in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house on Monday the  
thirteenth day of January instant at one o'clock  
in the afternoon to act on the following articles  
viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> In the petition of Moses Hale and others to see  
if the town will approve and allow a way laid  
out by the Selectmen for a road for the use of  
the town from the old road by the Goldenrover  
Brook (so called) to the house where Joel Adams  
Esq. keeps his office and out to the old road and  
set any thing there on respecting said way and  
making the road as the town may think proper.
- 3<sup>th</sup> In petition of Mr. Nathan Tyler and others to  
see if the town will approve and allow a way  
which has been laid out by the Selectmen for a  
road for the use of the town from the old road  
near the Cornal Bridge near the store of Jesse  
Smith

Smith in said town to the Corral bridge near  
the house of Capt. Amos Whitneys and any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper.

4thly To hear the report of the Committee which was  
chosen at the last town meeting respecting pur-  
chasing a piece of land for enlarging the mid-  
dle burying ground and act any thing thereon  
that the town may think proper.

Hereof full and true return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon unto the  
Select men on the fourth day of January instant  
given under our hands and seals at Chelms-  
ford aforesaid this third day of January A.D. 1817

Northaniel Howard } Select men

Joseph Baileu }

Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Chelmsford

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford January  
4<sup>th</sup> 1817 Pursuant to the within I have posted  
up two attested copies of this warrant viz.  
one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whitneys and  
one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smiths all in Chelmsford  
for purposes expressed in this instrument

Robert Spalding } Constable  
+ } Chelmsford

Recorded by Northaniel Howard Town Clerk



Middlesex fs. to Stitt, now holding one of the  
Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town, to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in towns ordered to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the thirtieth day of January is and at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> On the petition of Mr. Moses Hale and others to see if the town will approve and allow a way laid out <sup>by the Select men</sup> for a road for the use of the town from the old road by the Golden Cove brook (so called) to the house where Joel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> keeps his office and out to the old road and cut any thing thereon respecting said way and making the road as the town may think proper

- 3<sup>d</sup> On petition of Mr. Bartholomew and others to see if the town will ~~allow~~ approve and allow a way which has been laid out by the Select men

for

for a road for the use of the town, from the old road near the Canal bridge near the town of Chelmsford, to the Canal bridge near the house of George James Whitneys or out any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

To be seen the report of the Committee which was read at the last town meeting respecting purchasing a piece of land for enclosing the middle burying ground and out any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof sent at and made return at this was read with your charge thereunto, the Selectmen on the fourth day of January instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this third day of January A.D. 1817.

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
 Joseph Bailey } of  
 Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Chelmsford

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford  
 January 4<sup>th</sup> 1817 I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant, one at the meetinghouse in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town

William Spalding } Constable  
 of the town  
 of Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> 1817

At a legal town meeting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Cheshire who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs held on the above day and proceeded as follows viz.

Voted for moderator and Clerk Nathaniel Howard.

Voted that the second article in the warrant be dismissed.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to view the old road and the route for the new road and estimate the expense <sup>making</sup> of the new road and the expense of altering the old road and make report at the next town meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of three and Chuse Jonathan Perham Esqr, Capt. Phineas Whitney and Capt. William Adams.

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee respecting purchasing a piece of land of Mr. Moses Hale for enlarging the grave yard in the middle of the town.

Voted that this meeting be dismissed

Resolved by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

The Committee to whom was referred the fifth article in the memorial for calling the land "Burial ground" in the Town will give notice of Mr. Moses Hale a small tract of land southerly of the middle burying ground so as to include the Monument of the Rev. Mr. Fiske the first Pastor of the Town together with those of his family or out any thing thereon. This the Town may think proper. They have to make the following Report.

It appears that the Grave Yard near the middle of the town of Chelmsford has been used as a ~~depository~~ depository of the dead since the first settlement of the town. It is nearly filled with the mortal remains of our deceased Ancestors and graves are seldom dug without disturbing these ancestral bones.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that some enlargement of the yard is both proper and highly necessary.

Tradition informs that certain ancient Monuments on land of Mr. Moses Hale adjoining the Grave yard and upon the southerly side of the same cover the graves of the Rev. Mr. Fiske and two of his family. Mr. Fiske was the first Minister and a great benefactor of the Town of Chelmsford. Your Committee feel the fullest assurance that the Inhabitants of the Town, as well from a sense of gratitude as from a regard to their honour, will cheerfully be under their protection the ashes of the pious benevolent learned and powerful John Fiske.

Your



Your Committee therefore recommend that the Town purchase of Mr. Hale land containing the graves of the Rev. Mr. Pike and two of his family and add the same to the Grave yard on the terms proposed by Mr. Hale and hereunder written.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Rufus Wymers  
 Wm. Adams  
 James Pitts

Committee

Chathamport January 10<sup>th</sup> 1817

I do hereby agree to convey to the Town of Chathamport a parcel of land adjoining the Grave yard near the middle of the Town and build on the lands of the same a good substantial stone wall four & a half feet above the surface of the earth which land is bounded at the Northwest corner by the Grave yard & land of Mrs. Rebecca Warren, thence running twenty links southeasterly to a stake and stones at the Southeast corner of Mrs. Warrens wall; thence easterly one chain six links to the South corner of a great brook; thence easterly two chains & seventy five links to a stake in the front wall of the Grave yard eleven links southeasterly from the Southwest corner of the new Stables leaving a triangular piece of the Grave yard fifty four links in length & seven links in width at the easterly end; thence by the Grave yard to the land first mentioned on condition that the Town allow me my heirs and assigns to use said triangular piece of land as a passage way between my barn and said Grave yard

and pay to me twenty five dollars

Moses Hale

Chelmsford January 12<sup>th</sup> 1817

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Secy. Clerk



## March Meeting Warrant 1877

Middlebury vs. To <sup>the</sup> Honorable Justices of the Court of Sessions for the Town of Chesham within the County of Middlebury

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the free holders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> Monday the third day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the law requires.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town to make a settlement with the town Treasurer and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may think proper for the support of the Gospel ministry Sabbath school and all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the schools ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> said town shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

think proper.

Y<sup>rs</sup>ly Yours if the town will let justice go at large the  
maine question and not any thing there is that  
the town may think proper.

Y<sup>rs</sup>ly To know the report of the committee which  
was chosen at the last town meeting respecting  
the way which has been laid out by the selectmen  
for a road from near the Store of Jesse Smiths  
to the Canal bridge near the House of Capt.  
Thomas Whitcomb and for widening the river  
road and not any thing there is that the town  
may think proper.

Y<sup>rs</sup>ly paid not and made return of this  
warrant with your doings thereunto the  
Selectmen on or before the twentieth day  
of February instant.

Given under our hands and seals at  
Chelmsford aforesaid this seveneenth day of  
February A.D. 1817.

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

### Constables return

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feb<sup>ry</sup> 22. 1817

In pursuance of this warrant I have posted  
up two attested copies of it one at the meeting  
house in the middle of the town and one at the  
Baptist meeting house in said town

Henry Spalding Const<sup>ble</sup>

of the Town of Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



at Middlebury 15. So Robert A. paid, in one of the Constables  
 at for the Town of Churchpond within the County of Middlebury  
 Granting

at For the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required, forthwith to put up two notices  
 to wit of this warrant, viz. One at the Store of Capt.  
 . P. W. White and one at the Store of Jesse Smith  
 in said town to warn and give notice to the free  
 Holders and other inhabitants of said town who are  
 qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town  
 affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the mid-  
 dle of said town on Monday the third day of March  
 next at ten o'clock in the fore noon to act on the  
 following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup>. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup>. To make choice of all town officers which the law  
 requires.
- 3<sup>d</sup>. To hear the report of the Committee which was  
 chosen by the Town to make a settlement with the  
 town Treasurer and act on any thing there on that  
 the town may think proper.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. To grant such sums of money as the town may think  
 proper for the support of the Gospel ministry  
 Schooling and all other necessary charges in said  
 town for the year ensuing and act on any thing there  
 on that the town may think proper.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. To see in what way and manner the Schools sh-  
 all be kept in said the ensuing year and act  
 on any thing there on that the town may think  
 proper.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. To see in what way and manner the roads  
 and bridges in said town sh- all be repaired.

the ensuing year and cut anything thereon that the town may think proper.

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let Swine go at large the ensuing year and cut anything thereon that the town may think proper.

8<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was formed by the town meeting respecting the way which has been laid out by the selectmen for a road from the store of Jesse Smith to the Canal bridge near the home of Capt. Oliver Whitings and for viewing the river road and cut anything thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof sent not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the selectmen on or before the twentieth day of February instant.

Given under our hand and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this seventeenth day of February A.D. 1877

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Chelmsford  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

### Constables return

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 1877. Pursuant to the within  
I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant  
viz. one at the store of Capt. Oliver Whitings  
near Putnam's Mills and one at the store of  
Jesse Smith near the head of the Middlesex  
Canal all in Chelmsford for your house expressed  
in this Instrument

Robert Spalding } Constable  
of }  
Chelmsford }  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



March Meeting, 1817

Chilmark March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1817

A legal assembling of the free holders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified in law to vote for town officers and in town affairs, holden on the above day and proceeded to pass the following votes viz.

Voted For Moderator and chose William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Voted For town Clerk and chose Nathaniel Howard.

Voted For first selectman and chose Nathaniel Howard.

Voted For second selectman and chose Joseph Bailey.

Voted For third selectman and chose Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Voted For Treasurer and chose 2<sup>nd</sup> Caleb Abbott.

Voted For Constable for the North end of the town and chose Robert Spalding.

Voted For Constable for the South end of the town and chose Otis Spalding.

Voted For Fish wardens and chose

{ 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Parker  
Isaac Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John Spalding Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel F. Wood  
Robert Spalding  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan Tyler

Voted To choose the remaining town officers by ballot.

Voted For School Committee and chose as follows in District

{ No. 1 Amariah Proctor  
No. 2 Henry Coburn Jun<sup>r</sup>  
No. 3 Elijah Hinckley  
No. 4 Thomas Coburn  
No. 5 Ephraim Adams  
No. 6 Isaac Adams

11th Nov 1847

{ 4th Lt Henry Parker  
 5th Lt William Fielding  
 6th Lt John Diller  
 7th Lt John Dix

Voted For Surveyors, High-  
ways and chase

Majr Joseph H. Little  
 David Parker  
 Jonathan Bowers  
 William Fielding  
 Cideon Whelmsmore  
 John H. H. H. H.  
 John H. H. H.  
 Levi Harr  
 Joseph Chamberlain  
 Simon Moore  
 Eleazer Estle

Voted For House viewers &  
chase

{ Benjamin Foster  
 Cyrus Baldwin Esqr  
 Joseph Chamberlain  
 Eleazer Parker

Voted For Field drivers &  
chase

{ Eleazer Parker  
 John Mansfield  
 Capt. Lecheur Wright  
 William Fielding

Voted To house say surveyors of the river.

Voted For Surveyors of the  
river & chase

{ Thomas Parker  
 Samuel Wood  
 Jonathan Taylor



~~Surveyors of~~  
~~measures~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~

Levi Foster  
Josiah Weber  
Don Josiah Parkhurst

Ordered To choose ten measures  
of wood and charr - -

Capt. Samuel Stevens  
Eben Adams  
Capt. Elish Ford  
Josiah Case  
Samuel Wood  
Lt. Jeremiah Tyler  
Joseph Warren  
Capt. John Steel  
Robert B Chamberlin  
Brooke Livingston

Ordered For Hay reaves & Coase

John Adams Junr  
Joseph Spalding  
Levi Foster  
Lt. Jeremiah Tyler  
Capt. Phineas Whiteing  
Elijah Case  
William Neal Junr  
Jonathan Parker 4th  
James Marshall Junr

Ordered For Pound keeper & charr Stephen Pierce Junr

Ordered For weighers of hay and  
charr - - - -

Capt. Phineas Whiteing  
Luke Thompson  
Capt. Elish Ford  
Capt. James Pierce  
Capt. Josiah Stetson

Ordered

Voted for inspectors of time and chase { Capt. John A. Red  
William Parker

Voted for collectors of taxes and chase { David Button  
Archibald McFarlane  
Capt. John A. Red  
Artemus Parker

Voted to choose four Siftingmen.

Voted for Siftingmen and chase { Joseph Chamberlain  
Samuel Butterfield  
Thomas Lovett  
Joseph Putnam

Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to bring in the three names all at once to it.

Voted for Overseers of the Poor and chase { Capt. John Butterfield  
Cor. William Whitney  
Capt. Pherebas Spalding

Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee which was chosen to settle with the Overseers.

Voted to pass from the article respecting raising money until April meeting.

Voted to have two copies of the Report of the Committee for settling with the Treasurer <sup>passed</sup> up, one at the house of Amariah Spaldings and one at the Store of Jesse Smith.

Voted to refer the article respecting schools to April meeting.

Voted



Resolved To refer the sixth article in the warrant until  
April meeting.

Resolved That Swine shall not go at large the ensuing  
year.

Resolved To refer the report of the Committee respecting  
the road until next town meeting and that  
the Selectmen be directed to lay out a road  
from the lower end of John Bridges land to  
the Canal bridge near the house of Amos  
Whitings and make report to the town.

Resolved That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk

The Subscribers appointed a Committee  
to settle with the Town Treasurer by leave  
to make the following

## Report

1<sup>st</sup>. Ministerial Money Min. of  
<sup>Thomas</sup>  
Colburn Collected for 1815 - \$ 166 " 56  
Ministerial Money paid for tax  
bills for 1816 exclusive of  
discount . . . . . 378 " 93

Ministerial money received - \$ 545 " 49

### Paid

Cash to Mr. Wilbur Allen	\$ 50 " 50
Do. Mr. John Pickins	69 " 21
Do. John Spalding	12 " 76
Do. Isaac Stone	11 " 33
Do. Amariah Procter	<u>26 " 50</u>

Ministerial Money paid out . . . \$ 622 " 30

Ministerial money received . . . 545 " 49

Making a balance in fa-  
vour of the Treasurer . . . 76 " 01

### 2<sup>d</sup>. Town and School money

Mr. (viz)

Cash for sales at vendue	\$ 4 " 17
Do. Mr. John Chandler Collector for 1813 & 1814	714 " 88
Do. Of Thomas Colburn Collector for 1815 . . . . .	2150 " 39
Do. Mr. John A. Phelps Esq. State Treasurer for support of the paupers . . . . .	135 " 00



Dr. To Caleb Abbott Collector for 1816

exclusive of the disbursements . . . 1939 .. 90

Town & School Money Received . . . \$4945 .. 12

Paid (viz);

Cash disbursed by orders of Select men \$5246 .. 29

Cash paid Amariah Spalding

Treasurer for 1815 on p<sup>r</sup> Report of  
be committed at the last Settlement . . . 18 .. 14

Paid out

Town and School money Received . . . \$5264 .. 43

Leaving of Town and School money

due to the Treasurer

\$319 .. 31

37

Militia Money

Cash Received of six conditional

Exempts

12 .. 00

Town & School money due to the  
Treasurer

\$307 .. 31

Ministerial Money due to the  
Treasurer for 1816 Tax not Collected . . . \$206 .. 73

Ministerial money due the Treas-  
urer brought forward

76 .. 01

Leaving a balance of Minister-  
ial money in favour of the  
Town not Collected

\$129 .. 92

Total amount of Town, School  
and Ministerial Money due  
the Treasurer

\$384 .. 02

Town and School Money due  
the Town for 1816 tax not Col-  
lected

\$872 .. 04

Due from Thomas Coburn Collector

for 1815

625 .. 49

To Gross County purchase \$ 911 17  
 Do Gross Henry Spalding  
 for the remainder received  
 on the United States Note 140 00  
 Do United States Note in the  
 hands of the Treasurer  
 \$2489 dated February  
 2<sup>d</sup> 1793 39 41  
 Due the Town for Highway  
 delinquency in the hands  
 of the Collector for 1816 not  
 collected 40 05  
 Ministerial Money due  
 the Treasury for 1816  
 tax not collected brought  
 forward 206 73  
 Money due to the Town \$194 91  
  
 Militia Money due that  
 department and to be  
 deducted from the above  
 sum it being taken for  
 towns use 40 25  
 Town School & Minister-  
 ial money due the Town \$1874 66  
 Money due the Treasur-  
 er brought forward 324 12  
 Balance due the Town \$1490 54  
 Town & School Money  
 expended and not paid  
 it being in ant stand-  
 ing orders \$999 50  
 Town, School & Ministerial  
 money now appropriated } 490 96  
 Town }



Town A/c due Caleb Abbott . . . \$154<sup>11</sup> 00

Leaving a Total balance of  
Town, School and Ministerial

Money due to the Town . . . \$331<sup>11</sup> 96

All which is respectfully  
submitted by

Nathaniel Howard } Committee

Josiah Perham }

Assented to by Caleb Abbott Treasurer

Chelmsford March 3<sup>d</sup> 1817

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk

Shelburne for Dr Robert Spalding one of  
the Justices for the Town of Shelburne within  
the County of Middlebury

And the same of the Town of Shelburne of the same  
County you are hereby required for the with to post  
up and to deliver copies of this warrant, viz.  
one at the Store of Capt. Phineas White, Jr and  
one at the Store of Jesse Smith in said town  
to every one and give notice to the freeholders  
and other inhabitants of said town who are qual-  
ified by law to vote for Town Officers and  
in Town Affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the seventeenth day of October next at  
one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.  
2<sup>d</sup> At the request of Dr. Robert Spalding and  
others to see if the town will make any  
further provisions for the support of the  
Gospel ministry by making any add-  
itions to or alterations of the salary of the  
Rev. Wilbur Allen or do anything for him  
other wise and act on any thing thereon res-  
pecting Mr. Allen's situation that the  
town may think proper.

3<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr. Wilbur Allen to hear  
his memorial and to see if the town will  
choose a Committee to confer with him about  
the conditions on which his pastoral relation  
with the town may be dissolved and to make  
arrangements for that purpose and to act  
on any thing thereon respecting his request that  
the town may think proper.

4<sup>thly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee respecting  
the



the road from Jesse Smiths store to the Canal bridge  
near the house of Cort Thomas Whiteings used to hear  
the report of the selectmen in laying out a road agree-  
ably to a vote of the town at the last town meeting and  
said every thing thereon that the town may think  
proper.

Hereof said road and the return of this warrant  
sent with your deings thereon unto the selectmen on  
or before the eighth day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Cheshire  
this fifth day of March A.D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard Justice  
Joseph Bailey of  
Henry Spalding Constable

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Cheshire March 5<sup>th</sup> 1817  
Pursuant to this within warrant I have posted up  
two attested copies of this warrant one at the store  
of Cort Thomas Whiteings and one at the store  
of Jesse Smith all in Cheshire and for his use  
expressed in this instrument

Robert Spalding Constable  
Cheshire

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

and  
[red]

Middlesex, S. to sit down & holding one  
of the Constables for the Town of Chesham, and  
within the County of Middlesex

Exhibiting

And the undersigned after having read the  
Massachusetts you are hereby required for the  
to put up two attested Copies of the warrant  
one at the meeting house in the middle of the  
town and one at the Baptist meeting house  
in said town to read and give notice to  
the free holders and other inhabitants of said  
town who are qualified by law to vote for  
town officers and in town affairs to assemble  
at the meeting house in the middle of said  
town on Monday the seventeenth day of  
March instant at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles. viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> At the request of Doct Noah Spalding and  
others to see if the town will make any further  
provision for the support of the Gospel min-  
istry by making any addition to or alter-  
ation of the salary of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wilbur Allen  
or do any thing for him other wise meet  
any thing thereon respecting Mr Allen's  
situation that the town may think proper.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> At the request of Mr<sup>r</sup> Wilbur Allen to  
hear his memorial and to see if the  
town will choose a committee to confer  
with him about the conditions on which  
his pastoral relations with the town may  
be dissolved and to make every means  
for that purpose and to do any thing there-  
on ~~respecting~~ respecting his request that  
the town may think proper.

Attesty



to hear the Report of the Commission respecting the road from Jesse Smiths Store to the Canal Bridge near the house of Contractor Whitneys and to hear the Report of the Selectmen in laying out a road agreeably to a vote of the Town at the last Town meeting and to determine anything thereon that the Town may think proper.

These of full not used in the return of this warrant with your claims these are made the Selectmen on or before the eighth day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this fifth day of March A.D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Michael J. Town of Chelmsford March 6<sup>th</sup> 1817  
In pursuance of this warrant I have pasted up two attested copies of it viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of the Town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said Town

Henry Spalding } Constable  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

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Town meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> 1817

Chilmark March 17<sup>th</sup> 1817

At a legal town meeting held in the  
store for holders and other inhabitants of  
said town who were qualified by law to see  
per town officers and in an affair before  
on the above day and presided as follows.

Voted for Abraham Fox and Chase Nathaniel Hunt.

Voted to choose a committee to confer with  
Mr. Wilkes Allen and see what will make  
him easy, and make report at this meet-  
ing.

Voted that the committee consist of three  
and chose Capt Josiah Fletcher

Jonathan Pierham Esq<sup>r</sup>  
S<sup>r</sup> Hoeh Spalding.

Voted that the town take up the parson's article  
in the warrant.

Voted that to accept of the road which has  
been laid out by the selectmen.

Voted that to accept of the report of the com-  
mittee which was chosen to confer with  
the Mr. Wilkes Allen.

Voted to choose a committee to confer with  
Mr. Wilkes Allen and dissolve the rela-  
tionship between him and the town  
agreeably to his request and make  
report at April meeting.

Voted that the committee consist of seven  
and chose William Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>

Cyrus Baldwin Esq<sup>r</sup>

Paul Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Hoeh Spalding

Jonathan



Jonathan Perham Esq<sup>r</sup>  
S<sup>r</sup> Josiah Perchurst.  
S<sup>r</sup> Owen Emerson

Resolved to reconsider the vote which was passed not  
to accept of the road.

Resolved to accept of the road as has been laid out by  
the Selectmen.

Resolved to give the M<sup>rs</sup> Wilkes Allen five hundred  
dollars as full compensation for the better-  
ments which he has made on the wharfed road.

Resolved to reconsider the vote which was passed to  
give M<sup>rs</sup> Wilkes Allen five hundred  
dollars.

Resolved That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town  
Clerk

# Highway

At the subscribers' agreement to a vote of the town at the last town meeting have laid out a way for a road for the use of the Town of Chatham as follows viz.

Beginning at a stake in Joel Spaldings fence at the lower end of Capt. Cravies land near the corner of Herricks road river.

Thence partly easterly across Joel Spaldings land to a large stump on the side hill partly on a ledge of rocks, thence to a stake and stonewall thence to a stake in Joel Spaldings fence thence on a straight line on said Spaldings land and on land of Timothy Fuller Esq. to a stake on the corner of the Canal and out to the Canal bridge near the house of Corneilus Amos Whitney's said way to be three rods wide and to lay on the northerly side of said bounds.

Dated Chatham, March 14th A.D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding } of  
Chatham

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk  
Accepted March 17th 1817





April 16	Levi Furr	} Surveyors of Highways
May 8	Gideon Whitmore	
May 9	Jonathan Bowers	
May 26	David Perkins	

March 13	Benjamin Foster	} Fire viewers
do 13	Marcus Perkins	

March 13	Capt. Lucius Wright	} Field drivers

March 13	Jonas Procter	} Surveyors of lumber
do 21	Samuel F Wood	
do 12	St. Jonathan Tyler	
do 17	Levi Foster	
do 13	Josiah Weber	

March 14	Eben Stedmons	} Measurers of wood
do 13	Josiah Vose	
do 21	Samuel F Wood	
do 12	St. Jonathan Tyler	
do 13	Josiah Warren	
do 13	Spencer Livingstone	



March 10 Elisha Gove

do 13 James Marshall Junr.

Hogsnives

Panndkuper

Wiegiers of Hay

March 13 Capt. John Shiel

Inspectors of time

March 13 Capt. John Shiel

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# } Overseers of the Poor

Attest Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Oath.

Middlesex ss Chelmsford April 2<sup>d</sup> 1817  
Then personally appeared Nathaniel Howard and  
took the oath required by law as one of the Selectmen  
of the town of Chelmsford.

Before me Nathl Wright J. Peace  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss Chelmsford April 17<sup>th</sup> 1817

Then Nathaniel Howard personally appeared and  
made a oath that he would proceed equally and im-  
partially according to his best skill and judgment  
in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes  
as he may by law be directed to assess and apportion  
in said town of Chelmsford for the ensuing year.

Before me Joel Adams Just. Peace  
Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# April meeting

Chelmsford April 7th 1817

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town  
of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts: authorized by the Con-  
stitution to vote for Governor and Lt. Governor  
holders on the seventh day of April being the first  
Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventeen for the  
purpose of giving in their votes for Governor  
and Lieutenant Governors of said Common-  
wealth, and for giving in their votes for Sena-  
tors and Commissioners for the County of Middlesex  
and for giving in their votes for a Treasurer  
for said County of Middlesex. Also those who are  
qualified by Law to vote for town officers and  
in town affairs were proceeded as follows viz.

Resolved That there is for Governor & Lt. Governor  
and <sup>Commissioners</sup> Senators be all in one ticket

Resolved For Governor & Lt. Governor and Sena-  
tors and the votes were as follows

For Governor	{	His Excellency John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	
		one hundred and thirty	- 130
	{	His Excellency John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	
		one hundred and thirty	- 130
	{	His Excellency John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	
		one hundred and thirty	- 130

For Lt.

For Lt.

For  
 A. L. Guernsey { Mr. H. H. Williams Phillips Esq.  
 one hundred and thirty - 130  
 Mr. H. H. Williams Esq.  
 one hundred and one - 101

Senators & { Mr. H. H. Williams Phillips Esq. one hundred and  
 Counsellors { Joseph L. L. Esq. one hundred  
 and eight - 108  
 Samuel P. P. Esq. one  
 hundred and seven - 107  
 Mr. Joseph B. B. Esq.  
 one hundred - 100  
 Mr. Samuel S. S. Esq. one  
 hundred and one - 101  
 Mr. John H. H. Esq. one hundred  
 and one - 101  
 Col. Benjamin B. Baldwin Esq.  
 twenty two - 22  
 Col. Calvin C. C. Esq. twenty-  
 one - 21  
 Col. Daniel D. D. Esq. twenty one 21  
 Mr. Samuel S. S. Esq. one - 1

After voting for State officers the meeting  
 stands open for transacting town affairs and  
 presided as follows. viz.

Voted For moderator and chose William Adams Esq.

Voted For County treasurer and the votes were  
 for the following persons. viz.

For Abiel Haywood Esq. eighty nine - 89

For John Hayes Esq. eighty four - 84

Voted To pass over choosing fishwardens.

Voted To choose one weigher of hay in the town of  
 Litchfield



Amos Thompson.

Voted For weigher of hay and chace Solomon Adams.

Voted To pass over the Lything run.

Voted To remove Corbet Thomas Whitney from serving as one of the Assessors of the poor.

Voted To choose one overseer of the poor in the stead of Cor<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Whitney and chace Joel Adams Esq<sup>t</sup>.

Voted To raise the sum of six hundred dollars for the support of the Gospel ministry for the year ensuing. \$600.00

Voted To raise the sum of two thousand dollars for defraying the expenses of the town the ensuing year. \$2000.00

Voted To raise the sum of nine hundred dollars for the support of the schools for the year ensuing. \$900.00

Voted That the schools be kept in the same way and manner that they were the last year and proportioned in the same way that they were the last year.

Voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the repair of the highways for the year ensuing.

Voted That the highways be repaired in the way and manner that they were the last year and the price be the same.

Voted That the present Treasurer be Collector of taxes for the year ensuing and on the same terms that he was the last year.

Voted That the income be taken in the same way and manner that it was the last year.

Voted To pass over the article in the warrant respecting the report of the Committee respecting Mr. Allen and take up the tenth article.

Voted

Voted That this town allow and pay unto Mr. Wilbur Allen the sum of five hundred dollars which sum shall be in full compensation for the betterments made by him on the Ministerial lands and in full consideration of the depreciation of his salary. to be paid in two equal annual payments; provided he will sign and execute a release in full for the appearance of his name and file the same with the Town Clerk, ~~and~~ withdraw his request for a dismissal and consent to remain with the town, according to the terms of his settlement.

Voted That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# April meeting Warrant. 4th 10 17

Middlesex ss. To His Shallding one of the Constables  
for the town of Cheshamford within the County of Middlesex  
Greeting

in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two with  
steel copies of this warrant viz. One at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town and one at the  
Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and  
give notice to the free holders and other inhabitants  
of said town who are qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Governor & the Governor and Senators  
and Councillors and Representatives agreeably  
to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.  
Also those who are qualified by law to vote town  
officers and in town affairs to assemble at the  
meeting house in the middle of said town on  
monday the seventh day of April next at eleven  
o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following  
articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the Constitution  
to give in unto the selectmen their votes for  
Governour and the Governour for the Com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts, and for Senators and  
Councillors for the County of Middlesex for the  
year ensuing.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 3<sup>th</sup> To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the Con-  
ty of Middlesex.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To take up and act on the articles in March meet-  
ing warrant which was adjourned to April  
meeting and cut any thing there on that the  
town may think proper.
- 6<sup>th</sup> At the request of the John Bateman and others  
to

to see if the town will vote to have a more careful  
cultivation of real estate taken in order that the  
next tax and fueler taxes may be made more  
equivalent and not cause them to be so that the  
town may think proper.

9thly To give in writs the Assessors a true and just  
invoice of all their lands and suitable proper-  
ty to make the tax by in said town the year  
ensuing and not any thing thereon that the  
town may think proper.

10thly To hear the report of the Committee which  
was chosen at the last town meeting to confer  
with the Rev. Wilbur Allen respecting dissolving  
the pastoral relations between him and the  
town and to act on any thing thereon that the  
town may think proper.

11thly At the request of Mr. Joseph Adams and  
others to see if the town will vote to have the  
Baptist Society exempted from being taxed  
for the support of the Gospel ministry and  
not any thing thereon that the town may  
think proper.

12thly At the request of Mr. Joseph Adams and  
others to see if the town will make the Rev. Wilbur  
Allen any compensation for the betterments  
which he has made on the ministerial land  
or do any thing other wise for him and not  
any thing thereon that the town may think  
proper.

Hereof paid not and make return of  
this warrant with your claims thereon  
unto the Select men on or before the twenty-  
ninth day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelms-  
ford aforesaid this twenty seventh day of  
March A. D. 1817.

Hathaniel



Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
 Joseph Bailey } of  
 Henry Spalding<sup>th</sup> } Chelmsford  
 Attested by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Returns of the foregoing warrant viz.

Middlesex Co. Town of Chelmsford March 27<sup>th</sup> 1877  
 Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested  
 copies of this warrant viz. One at the meeting house  
 in the middle of Chelmsford and one at the Bapt-  
 ist meeting house in said town for the purpose  
 expressed in this instrument.

Henry Spalding (Constable  
 of  
 Chelmsford

Attested by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

April meeting warrant N.D. 1847

Middlesex Co. To Robert Spalding, one of  
the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within  
the County of Middlesex

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass-  
achusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post  
up two attested copies of this warrant with one  
at the store of Capt. Thomas Whitings and one  
at the store of Jesse Smith in said town to  
warn and give notice to the freeholders and  
other inhabitants of said town who are qual-  
ified by the Constitution to vote for Governor  
and the Governor and Senators & Councillors  
and Representatives agreeably to Constitution  
of said Commonwealth. Also those who are  
qualified by law to vote for town officers and  
in town affairs to assemble the meeting house  
in the middle of said town on Monday the  
seventh day of April next at eleven o'clock  
in the forenoon to act on the following  
articles. viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the Constitution  
to give in votes the Selectmen their votes  
for Governor and the Governor for the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. and for  
Senators and Councillors for the County  
of Middlesex for the year ensuing.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the  
County of Middlesex.

L. H. H.



- 4thly To fill up all vacant town officers.
- 5thly To take up and act on the articles in March meeting were sent which were adjourned to April meeting and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 6thly At the request of Mr. John Bateman and others to see if the town will vote to have a more accurate valuation of real estate taxes in order that the next tax and poor tax may be made more equal and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 7thly ~~At the request of Mr. Joseph Adams and others to see if the~~  
To give in unto the assessors a true and just valuation of all their lands and rateable property to make the taxes in said town the ensuing year and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 8thly To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen at the last town meeting to confer with the Mr. Wilbur Allen respecting dissolving the pastoral relation between him and the town and to act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 9thly At the request of Mr. Joseph Adams and others to see if the town will vote to have the Baptist Society exempted from being taxed for the support of the gospel ministry and act on any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 10thly At the request of Mr. Joseph Adams and others to see if the town will make ~~any~~ the Mr. Wilbur Allen any compensation for the betterments which he has made on the ministerial land or do any thing otherwise for him and act on any thing

thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof said not and make return of this  
instrument with your design thereon to the  
Selectmen or one before the twenty ninth day  
of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at  
Chilmark before said the twenty ninth day  
of March A. D. 1817.

Northaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>th</sup> } of  
Chilmark

Recorded by Northaniel Howard Town Clerk

Constables return on the foregoing warrant

Middlesey Jr. Town of Chilmark  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1817 Pursuant to the within ~~warrant~~  
I have posted up two attested copies of this  
warrant viz. one at Store of Capt. Phinney  
Whiteing and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse  
Somers all in Chilmark for the purpose  
expressed in this instrument.

Robert Spalding } Constable  
of  
Chilmark

Recorded by Northaniel Howard Town Clerk



Andover April 7<sup>th</sup> 1817

Being informed that the town voted on the first Monday in April, to give me five hundred dollars on condition of my withdrawing my request for a dismissal & of my giving a receipt in full for all demands upon the town for betterments made on the ministerial land & deprecuations in my salary.

I do hereby signify my acceptance of the above said five hundred dollars as a full compensation for betterments made on said land, and deprecuations in my salary - and do withdraw my request for a dismissal & resolve to continue in the ministry in this place.

Witness Attest

Nathl. Howard Esq. Town Clerk

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town

Clerk

## May meeting - May 8th 1817

Present to a law of this Commonwealth the  
 freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified  
 according to the Constitution having lawfully assem-  
 bled in town meeting on the eighth day of May  
 current for the choice of one or more Represen-  
 tatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth.

Also those who were qualified by law to vote in  
 town affairs and proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted To send one Representative to the General  
 Court this year.

Voted For Representatives and the votes were  
 For Capt. Samuel Adams seventy six 76  
 For Jonathan Perham Esq. fifty 50  
 For Capt. Adams Esq. three 3  
 For Cyrus Baldwin Esq. one 1  
 and Capt. Samuel Adams was chosen.

After the choice of Representatives the meeting  
 stands open for transacting town business and  
 proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted For moderator and chose William Adams Esq.

Voted To raise the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars  
 as ministerial money for Mr. Allen.

Voted To choose a Committee to make an annual  
 settlement with the town Treasurer and chose  
 Cyrus Baldwin & Jonathan Perham Esq.?

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## May meeting warrant 1817

Middlesex. ss. To Atty Spalding one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant, viz. One at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth. Also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Thursday the eighth day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of this Commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the purpose of paying the first installment to Mr. Wilkes Allen agreeably to a vote of the town at the last town meeting or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To

4thly To see if the town will choose a Committee to make an annual settlement with the town Treasurer or out any thing thereon, that the town may think proper.

Hereof said not bind make return of this warrant with your doings this even unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of April instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twelfth day of April A. D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3th } Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Constables return on the back of the foregoing warrant viz.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford April 26th 1817  
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of Chelmsford and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes expressed in this instrument as aforesaid

Thos Spalding } Constable  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



May 18th 1877

Middlesex Co. So Robert Holding one of the Constables of  
the town of Cambridge within the County of Middlesex

[Seal]

[Seal]

[Seal]

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required forthwith to post up two sealed copies  
of this warrant - viz. One at the store of Capt. & Misses Wh-  
itneys and one at the store of Jesse Smith in said town  
to warn and give notice to the free holders and other  
inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Con-  
stitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court  
of said Commonwealth. Also those who are qual-  
ified by law to vote in towns of said town to assemble at the  
meeting house in the middle of said town on Thurs-  
day the eighth day of May next at one O'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles - viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the town will make choice of some suit-  
able person ~~or~~ persons to represent this town in the  
General Court of this Commonwealth for the  
year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the  
town may think proper.

2<sup>d</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

3<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will raise a sum of money for  
the purpose of paying the first installment to Mr.  
Wilbur Allen agreeably to a vote of the town at the  
last town meeting or act any thing thereon that  
the town may think proper.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will choose a committee to  
make an annual settlement with the town Treasur-  
er or act any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper.

hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereunto the Subaltern on or before  
the twenty-sixth day of April instant.

Given under my hand and seal at Chester  
the twenty-sixth day of April 1774

William Howard }  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Henry Spalding } Chester

Recorded by William Howard Esq. Clerk

Constable returns on the back of the foregoing  
warrant viz.

Attestation to. Return of Chester 26<sup>th</sup> April 1774  
Pursuant to the return I have posted up two attested  
copies of the warrant viz. one at the door of the  
Chester Buildings & one at the door of the Free  
Smiths Hall in Chester for further express in  
this instrument.

Constable  
Henry Spalding }  
Chester

Recorded by William Howard Esq. Clerk



[Seal] <sup>sup</sup> *Shallice* To Rich<sup>d</sup> Shallice one of the Const-  
 ables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of M-  
 [Seal] *iddlesex*.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massach-  
 uetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up  
 two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the  
 store of Capt<sup>n</sup> Phineas Whelan and one at the store  
 of Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give  
 notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of  
 said town who are qualified by law to vote in  
 town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in  
 the middle of said town on Monday the ninth  
 day of June next at one o'clock in the after noon  
 to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the order of Court respecting a viewing  
 Committee to view the routes for two new roads  
 through this town and to act on any thing thereon  
 that the town may think proper.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> At the request of Messrs Joseph Fletcher & others  
 to see if the town will afford any assistance in  
 building a meeting house in the easterly  
 part of ~~the town~~ said town or to do any thing  
 for the convenience of attending public worship  
 within the same or act on any thing thereon that the town  
 may think proper.

Hereof sent not and make return of this warra-  
 nt with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on  
 or before the thirtyfirst day of May instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelms-  
 ford afore said this twenty ninth day of May A.D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard Selectman  
 Joseph Bailey of  
 Henry Shallice 3<sup>d</sup> Chelmsford

Return





Middlesex js. to His Majesty one of the Constables  
of the Town of Cheshamstead within the County of Middlesex

Seal  
Seal  
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Greeting  
It is the command of the Commission of His Majesty the  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested  
Copies of this warrant. viz. One at the meeting house in  
the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meet-  
ing house in said town, to warn and give notice  
to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town  
who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house in the middle of  
said town on Monday the ninth day of May in-  
stant of June next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles. viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the order of Court respecting a viewing com-  
mittee to view the route for two new roads through  
this town and to act on any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper.
- 3<sup>thly</sup> At the request of M<sup>rs</sup>. Joseph Fletcher and others to see  
if the town will approve any assessor in building  
a meeting house in the East ward by part of the  
town said town or to do any thing for the con-  
venience of attending public worship within the  
same or act on any thing thereon that the town may  
think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selection  
on or before the thirtieth day of May instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Che-  
lmsford afore said this twentieth day of May  
A. D. 1847.

Samuel Edward J. Clerk  
Joseph Bailey  
Henry J. Clerk  
Clerk

Return

Middlesex js. Cheshamstead May 31<sup>st</sup> 1847  
Pursuant

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted  
myself attended with other servants viz. him it the  
year the house in the minute of Chatham and  
and the Baptist meeting house in said to report  
the power enforced in the warrant

It is attested  
} Constable  
} of Chatham

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> 1817

At a legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs held on the ninth day of June A.D. 1817 and proceeded as follows. viz.

- Voted For moderator and chose Stephen Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup>.
- Voted That a Committee be appointed to oppose and prevent the establishment of a new highway from Stony Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Joseph Baskin in Billerica and also to procure the establishment of a new highway from River Brook Bridge near Chelmsford meeting house through Billerica to a point where the new road to Lexington meets the old road from Bedford near Chauncy's River in said Bedford as described in the Petition and order of Court.
- Voted That the Committee consist of three and chose Amos Spalding, Aaron Chamberlain.
- Voted To excuse Aaron Chamberlain, and chose Joseph Bailey & Capt. Josiah Fletcher.
- Voted That the third article in the warrant be referred to a Committee & report as soon as is convenient.
- Voted That the Committee consist of five and chose Stephen Wyman Esq<sup>r</sup>, Amos Spalding, Capt. William Adams, Capt. John Butlerfield & Jonathan Perham Esq<sup>r</sup>.
- Voted To make an addition to the Committee of four & chose Maj<sup>r</sup> Joseph Fletcher.
- Voted To excuse Maj<sup>r</sup> Fletcher from serving on the Committee & chose Nathaniel Howard, Capt. Lashme Wright, Capt. Sheralish Spalding & Capt. John Reed.
- Voted That the record of this meeting be read.
- Voted That this meeting be dissolved.
- Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

School money accounted for A. S. 1817

Boys	Men School	Women School	Total	Committee
1	\$ 100.07	\$ 50.03	\$ 150.10	Mariack Proctor
2	121.02	42.02	164.04	Henry Coburn Junr
3	50.19	25.09	75.28	Elijah Richardson
4	68.94	34.46	103.40	Thomas Coburn
5	54.63	27.31	81.94	Ephraim Adams
6	50.77	21.06	71.83	Isaac Adams
7	46.27	23.13	69.40	L. Henry S. Parker
8	38.56	10.40	48.96	Alpheus Spalding
9	35.67	11.10	46.77	Jacob Fielder
10	50.46	29.22	79.68	John L. L.

Sum Total - \$900.00

Nathaniel Howard }  
 Joseph Bailey }  
 Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> }

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Chilmark February 7<sup>th</sup> 1817

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax bills which have been delivered to Mr. Caleb Abbott Collector for the said town of Chilmark and find that their dues collected into the Treasury within thirty days from the delivery of said tax bills unto him, the sum of two thousand <sup>& two hundred & 20</sup> and eighty two dollars and sixty six cents (including the six per centum discount or abatement on the same agreeably to a vote of the town for that purpose)

	\$2282. 66
Discount on the above sum	136. 96
Actually in Treasury	\$2145. 70

And we also ~~find~~ certify that their has been collected into the Treasury within the second thirty days ending on the twenty fifth day of December last the sum of four hundred twenty three dollars and seventy nine cents (including the four per centum discount or abatement on the same agreeably to a vote of the town for that purpose) ...

	\$423. 79
Discount on the above sum	16. 95
Actually in the Treasury	\$406. 84

Total sum actually collected and paid into the Treasury exclusive of the discount or abatement the sum of two thousand five hundred fifty two dollars and fifty four cents Errors excepted ...

Nathaniel Howard	} Attest
Joseph Bailey	
	of
	Chilmark

Caleb Abbott Treasurer

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Chilmark Pond March 1<sup>st</sup> 1817

We hereby certify that we have examined the bills which have been delivered to L<sup>th</sup> Caleb Abbott Collector and Treasurer for said town of Chilmark Pond and find that they were collected into the Treasury within sixty days next preceding the twenty-fifth day of July last passed which day the time ended for the discount or abatement of two per centum. The sum of two hundred & twenty five <sup>dollars</sup> & ninety seven cents including the two per centum allowed for discount or abatement agreeably to a vote of the town for that purpose. - - - \$ 225.97

Discount on the above sum - - - 4.51

Actually in the Treasury } - - \$ 221.46

Errors excepted

Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } Selectmen  
of  
Chilmark Pond

C. Abbott Treasurer & collector

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Town meeting Dec<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1817

- At a legal town meeting of the free holders and other inhabitants, <sup>of the town of Chelmsford who are</sup> qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs holden on the twenty ninth day of December A.D 1817 for the purpose to see if the town will take some measures to prevent the establishment of a Highway from the bank of Merrimack river below Black brook to the Canal bridge near the house of Cyrus Baldwin Esq<sup>r</sup> which has been petitioned for by Capt. Phineas Whiting and others and out any thing thereof that town may think proper.
- Voted For Moderator and clerk Nathaniel Howard.
- Voted That there be an agent chosen to oppose the establishment of the road.
- Voted For an agent to oppose the establishment of the road and Jesse Jonathan Perham Esq<sup>r</sup>.
- Voted That the agent be empowered to employ Counsel if he thinks necessary.
- Voted That this meeting be dismissed.
- Resolved by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk.





Constables return of the poor going warrant

under the 1st Statute of 1834 and 1835  
pursuant to the Statute in force in the County of  
at this warrant with one at the time of the  
and one at the close of the session in the  
County for purposes expressed in this instrument

of the } Constable  
of }  
of } Chesham

Witnessed by J. Thomas Howard Town Clerk

Sheddley p. 20 This Sheddley one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex  
County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to send up two  
attested copies of this warrant. viz. One at the  
meeting house in the middle of said town and one  
at the Protestant meeting house in said town to read  
and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabi-  
tants of said town who are qualified by law to  
vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the twenty ninth day of December, next at  
one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles. viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup>. To Choose a moderator to govern the meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup>. To see if the town will take some measures to pre-  
vent the establishment of a Highway from the  
bank of Merrimack river below Clark brook  
to the Canal bridge near the house of Cyrus Baldwin  
Esq. which has been petitioned for by Capt.  
Phineas Whiting and others and out any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and in the return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Deputy on or before the time appointed  
for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at  
Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day  
December A.D. 1817

Nathaniel Howard } Selectman  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>rd</sup> } of  
Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



# Return of the foregoing warrant.

Middlesex ss. Cheshamford December 25<sup>th</sup> 1817  
 Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested  
 copies of this warrant viz. one at the meeting house  
 in the middle of Cheshamford and one at the Baptist  
 meeting house in said town for the purposes ex-  
 pressed in this warrant.

Attest  
 Peter Spalding } Constable  
 of  
 Cheshamford

Witnessed by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Chelmsford December 22<sup>d</sup> 1817 . -

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax  
bills which have been delivered to Mr. Caleb Abbott Collector  
and Treasurer for the Town of Chelmsford for A. D  
1817 and find that there were collected into the Treasury  
within thirty days from the delivery of the tax bills  
unto him the sum of two thousand three hundred  
eighty three dollars and thirty six cents (including  
the six per centum discount or abatement on  
the same agreeably to a vote of the town for that  
purpose) - - - - - \$ 2383..36

Discount on the above sum - - - - - 143..00

Actually collected into the Treasury \$ 2240..36

Errors excepted

Nathaniel Howard } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } Chelmsford  
Caleb Abbott } Treasurer

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



Chilmark December 27<sup>th</sup> 1817

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax bills which have been delivered to St. Caleb Abbott Collector and Treasurer for the town of Chilmark for A.D. 1817 and find that there was collected within sixty days from the delivery of the tax bills unto him the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars and ninety cents (including the four per centum allowed for discount or abatement in the same agreeably to a vote of the town for that purpose)

	\$ 155.90
Discount	6.23
Actually in the Treasury	\$ 149.67
Errors excepted	

Nathaniel Howard } Deputies  
Joseph Bailey }  
Caleb Abbott Treasurer

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk

Cheshmford Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1818

We hereby certify that we have examined the bills  
which have been submitted to Caleb Abbott Collector and  
Treasurer for the town of Cheshmford for A.D. 1816 and  
find that there are collected into the treasury after the  
twenty fifth day<sup>of</sup> Feb'y 1817 to the first day of June follow-  
ing (and no business is allowed) the sum of  
one hundred and eighty six pounds and thirteen  
pence.

Errors excepted . . . . \$ 1062 .. 13

Samuel Howard }  
Henry Shadling 3<sup>rd</sup> } Cheshmford

Caleb Abbott Treasurer & collector

Recorded by Nathaniel Howard Town Clerk



## March Meeting Warrant N.D. 1818

Middlesex. ss. To Robert Spalding one of the Constables  
for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Middlesex. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested  
copies of this warrant. viz. One at the Store of Capt  
Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith  
in said town to warn and give notice to the free-  
holders and other inhabitants of said town who  
are qualified by law to vote for town officers and  
in town affairs to assemble at the meetinghouse  
in the middle of said town on Monday the second  
day of March next at town of the Clock in the  
forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choose a moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the  
law requires.
- 3<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was  
chose by the town to make a settlement with  
the town Treasurer and act any thing thereon  
that the town may think proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town may  
think proper for the support of the Gospel  
Ministry Schooling and all other necessary  
charges in said town for the year ensuing and  
act any thing thereon that the town may  
think proper
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the Schools  
shall be kept in said town the year ensuing  
and act any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in said town shall be repaired the  
ensuing year and act any thing thereon that  
the town may think proper

- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen by the town respecting building a new meeting house in the easterly part of the town and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 9<sup>th</sup> At the Request of Mr Johnson Davis to see if the town will let him off from School District number seven and annex him to School District number two and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 10<sup>th</sup> At the Request of Capt John Ford and others to see if the town will build a new bridge over Blue brook (so called) where the old bridge now stands near Merrimack river or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let meet Cattle and horses go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 12<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr James Marshall to see if the town will let him off from School district number seven and annex him to School district number one and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 13<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr John Crosby to see if the town will let him off from School District number four and annex him to School District number five and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Henceof take not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on unto the selectmen on or before the twenty first day of February instant.



Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford a<sup>372</sup>  
foresaid this sixteenth day of February A.D. 1818.

Nathaniel Howard } selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Spalding 3<sup>d</sup> } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return

Middlesex, ss. Town of Chelmsford February 19<sup>th</sup>  
1818. Pursuant to this within I have posted up  
two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the  
store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store  
of Mr Jesse Smith all in Chelmsford for purposes  
expressed in this instrument.

Robert Spalding } Constable  
} of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex. To His Spalding of the constables  
for the town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Middlesex. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up  
two attested copies of this warrant viz one at  
the meeting house in the middle of said town  
and one at the Baptist meeting house in said  
town to warn and give notice to the freemen  
and other inhabitants of said town who are  
qualified by law to vote for town officers  
and in town affairs to assemble at the meet-  
ing house in the middle of said town on Monday  
the second day of March next at ten  
o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following  
articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the  
requires.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which  
was chose by the town to make a settlement  
with the Town Treasurer and act any thing  
thereon that the town may think  
proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sums of money as the town  
may think proper for the support of the  
gospel ministry schooling and all other  
necessary charges in said town for the year  
ensuing and act any thing thereon  
that the town may think proper.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the Schools  
shall be kept in said town the year ensuing  
and act any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper



- 6<sup>th</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was chosen by the town respecting building a new meetinghouse in the eastwardly part of the town and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 9<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr Johnson Davis to see if the town will set him off from School district numbered seven and annex him to School district numbered two and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 10<sup>th</sup> At the request of Capt John Ford and others to see if the town will build a new bridge over black brook (so called) where the old one bridge now stands near merrimack river or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will let meet Cattle and Horses go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 12<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr James Marshall to see if the town will set him off from School District Numbered seven and annex him to School District Numbered one and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 13<sup>th</sup> At the request of Mr John Crosby to see if the town will set him off from School District Numbered four and annex him to School District Numbered five and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the selectmen on or

345. before the twenty first day of February instant  
Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this sixteenth day of February, A.D. 1818

Nathaniel Howard } Solicitor.

Joseph Bailey } of

Henry Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### Constables Return

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford February 21<sup>st</sup> 1818  
Pursuant to the within, I have posted two attested  
copies of this warrant, viz. one at the  
Meeting house in the middle of said Chelmsford  
and one at the Baptist meeting house in  
said town for the purposes expressed in  
this warrant.

Otis Spalding

} Constable.

} of

} Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



# March Meeting. 1818

Chelmsford March 2<sup>d</sup> 1818

At a legal Town Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs holden on the above said day proceeded to pass the following votes viz:

- |       |   |  |
|-------|---|--|
| First | Drawn for Jurors  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capt. Zachus Wright</li> <li>Capt. Jonathan Tyler</li> <li>Oliver Parkhurst</li> </ul>  |
| voted | For moderator and chose   | William Adams Esquire  |
| voted | For town Clerk and chose  | Jonathan Petnam  |
| voted | To Chuse three Selectmen.   |  |
| voted | For the first Selectman and chose   | Jonathan Petnam  |
| voted | For the second Selectman and chose  | Henry Spalding   |
| voted | That the present board of Selectmen who are going out of office have the thanks of the meeting and that the same be recorded in the town book |  |
| voted | For the third Selectman and chose   | Abijah Spalding  |
| voted | For Town Treasurer and chose  | Joel Adams Esq.  |
| voted | For constable for the southend and chose  | Otis Spalding.   |
| voted | For constable for the northend chose  | Luther Marshall.   |
| voted | For Fish wardens, chose   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capt. John Shed, Samuel F. Wood</li> <li>Lieut Luke Thomson, Levi Foster, Oliver Pierce, junier</li> <li>Benjamin Chamberlain.</li> </ul>   |
| voted | For School committee and chose for district   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1. Joel Adams Esquire</li> <li>No. 2. Capt. Elisha Ford</li> <li>No. 3. Capt. John Butterfield</li> <li>No. 4. Elie Parker</li> <li>No. 5. John Parker 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>No. 6. Joel Mansfield</li> <li>No. 7. Jesse Moors</li> </ul> |

1890 Jonas Spalding  
and Robert B. Chamberlain  
1891 Joseph Bowers Esqr

voted For Surveyors of  
Highways and Chose

Henry Caburn Junior  
Capt Josiah Fletcher  
Otis Tyler  
Jonas Spalding  
Francis Richardson  
Joseph Warren  
Amos Byam  
Robert Spalding  
Timothy Read  
Nathan Parkhurst  
Timothy Manning Junior  
George Mulhinson

voted To Chuse for fence viewers  
and Chose

Daniel Lusk  
David Petham  
Simon Byam  
Simon Blodget

voted For Lield drivers and  
Chose

Asa Hodgman Junior  
Otis Spalding  
Jonathan Harwood  
Josiah Webber

voted To Chuse seven surveyors  
of Lumber and  
Chose

Quon Josiah Parkhurst  
Josiah Webber  
Capt Jonathan Tyler  
Jonathan Bowers  
Jonas B. Proctor  
Levie Foster  
Samuel F. Wood



ated To chuse ten measures  
of wood and chose

Aaron Chamberlain

Joseph Warren

Solomon Adams

Josiah Voe

Samuel F. Wood

Lewis Foster

Caleb Abbot

Benjamin Chamberlain

James Tyler

Timothy Davis

Samuel Parkhurst

Enoch Byam

Jonathan Parker 4<sup>th</sup>

Aaron Chamberlain

Daniel Tucke

William Hildreth

Josiah Hunt

Jesse Moors

Samson Stevens

Capt. Phineas Whiting

ated For hogrears and  
chose

ated For pound keeper and chose Stephen Pierce junior

ated For weighers of hay and  
chose

Solomon Adams

Capt. Phineas Whiting

Otis Spalding

James Toller

Louis Harr

ated For surveyors of lime  
and chose

Ebenezer Spalding

Capt. John Steel

ated For cullers of staves and  
chose

Silas Hoar

Capt. John Steel

Ebenezer Spalding

Artemus Holden

ated To chuse four Lying men  
and chose

Daniel Parker

Asa Hodgman

Josiah Wilber

Jonathan Parker 3<sup>d</sup>

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voted That this meeting be adjourned until the first  
monday<sup>st</sup> April next at nine o'clock in the  
forenoon then to meet in this place meaning at the  
meeting house in the middle of S town

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

## Town officers for A.D. 1818.

Chelmsford March 2<sup>d</sup> 1818

The following named persons on the above said day in legal  
town meeting chosen into the several offices set against  
their respective names and have appeared and taken the  
oath to the office into which they are chosen agreeable to  
law as follows viz

March 7<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Perham Town Clerk was sworn in open town  
meeting before Nathaniel Wright Esqr

12 Joel Adams Esqr Town Treasurer

March 12

12<sup>th</sup>

Otis Spalding }  
Luther Marshall } Constables

Fishwardens

March 12

12<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup>

12

12<sup>th</sup>

26<sup>th</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup>

May 25

June 10<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup>

Jonas Spalding

James Richardson

Joseph Warren

Micajah Bethune

Timothy Manning junior

Henry Coburn junior

Timothy Reed

Joseph Manning

Otis Tyler

James Osbourn

Robert Spalding

Capt Josiah Fletcher

Surveyors of Highways



March 12<sup>th</sup> Josiah Webber  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Otis Spading

Field drivers  
~~James~~

March 12<sup>th</sup> Jonas M. Proctor  
12<sup>th</sup> Josiah Webber  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Samuel F. Wood  
6<sup>th</sup> Levi Foster  
6<sup>th</sup> Capt Jonathan Tyler  
6<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Bowers

Surveyors of lumber

March 12<sup>th</sup> Joseph Warren  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Samuel F. Wood  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Levi Foster  
6<sup>th</sup> Josiah Voe  
6<sup>th</sup> ~~Jonathan Bowers~~  
15<sup>th</sup> Capt Timothy Davis

Measurers of wood

March 12<sup>th</sup> Samuel Parkhurst  
12 William Hildreth  
12 Samson Stevens

Hogmeas

Wighors of hay

Sept 12 - Capt John Shel

Inspectors of lime

20<sup>th</sup> 1818  
As L. Holman's. B. W. Collection of papers were. known as the Law Library - October the 20<sup>th</sup> 1818

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1818

Callen of Staves

Sythingmen

Allist Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. March 12<sup>th</sup> 1818

Jonathan Perham Esq. Henry Shalding  
the third and Abijah Shalding personally appeared  
and made oath that they would faithfully and  
impartially discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen  
of the Town of Chelmsford respecting all elections  
and the returns thereof for the year ensuing.  
Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. March 12<sup>th</sup> 1818

Jonathan Perham Henry Shalding the third and  
Abijah Shalding Assessors for the Town of Chelmsford  
for the year ensuing personally appeared and  
made oath that they would proceed equally and  
impartially according to their best skill and  
judgment, in assessing and apportioning all such  
rates and taxes as they may according to law be directed  
to assess and apportion during that time.  
Before Joel Adams Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



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# April Meeting A.D. 1818

Chelmsford April 6th 1818

A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lt Governor holden on the sixth day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for said Commonwealth and for giving in their votes for Senators and counsellors for the county of Middlesex and for giving their votes for a treasurer for said county of Middlesex also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs they proceeded as follows viz.

voted That the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor counsellors and Senators beall brought in on one ticket

voted For Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Counsellors, <sup>Senators</sup> and the votes were for the following persons viz.

For	{	This Excellency John Brooks Esq one hundred and sixteen
Governor		This Hon Benjamin W. Crowninshield seventy one
For	{	This Hon. William Phillips one hundred and sixteen
Lieutenant Governor		Thomas Kittredge seventy one

Calvin Sanger Esq one hundred and one

For  
Senators  
and  
Councillors  
Joseph Locke Esq ninety nine  
Samuel P. P. Fay ninety nine  
Joseph B. Varnum Esq seventy two  
John Hart Esq — seventy two  
Leonard M. Parker Esq seventy two  
Abiel Stearns Esq one

voted For moderator and chose Major Nathaniel Howard  
voted For a treasurer for the county of Middlesex and  
the votes were for Abiel Higwood Esq — 69

For John Keys Esq — — — — — 55

voted to excuse George Hutchinson from serving as a  
Surveyor of highways

voted For a surveyor of highways and chose Joseph Manning

voted to excuse Amos Byam from serving as a surveyor  
of highways

voted For a surveyor of highways and chose James Osbourn

voted That the invoice to make the taxes by in said town  
be taken in the same way and manner that it was  
the last year

voted To dismiss the sixth article in the warrant

voted To chose a committee to settle <sup>with the town treasurer & settle</sup> the towns accounts agreeable  
to the by laws of the town

voted that said committee consist of two persons

voted For said committee and chose Cyrus Baldwin Esq  
and Lieut Caleb Abbott

voted To dismiss the meeting

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

April 30th 1818. En. Benjamin Byam was  
appointed by the selectmen a sealer of weights and  
measures for the town of Chelmsford  
and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of  
the office before Jonathan Perham Town Clerk  
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk.



# April Meeting Warrant A.D. 1818

Middlesex Co. To Otis Spalding one of the constables for the town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz: one at one at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist Meetinghouse in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor Senators and councillors and Representatives agreeable to the constitution of said commonwealth

Also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Senators and councillors for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing.
- 2<sup>dly</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make the taxes by in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing therein that the town may think proper
- 6<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr Eli Parker and others to see if the town will divide school district numbered fore or act any thing respecting said school district that the town may think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will chuse auditors to settle their accounts agreeable to the by law of said town or act any thing respecting the by laws of said town that they may think proper

Hereof failing not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty eighth day of March instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1818

for the names of the Selectmen turn over

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Henry Spalding } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by ————— Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 28th 1818.  
Pursuant to the within ~~Warrant~~ posted up two attested copies of  
this warrant namely one at the meetinghouse in the  
middle of the town and one at the Baptist meetinghouse  
in said town for the purposes expressed in this instrument.

Wm Spalding } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by ————— Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### April Meeting Warrant A D 1818

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the constables for the  
town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex

Greeting  
In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby  
required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant  
(viz one at the store of Capt Pinckney Whiting and one at the  
store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice  
to the freemen and other inhabitants of said town who  
are qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and  
Lieutenant Governor Senators and counsellors and Representa-  
tives agreeable to the constitution of said commonwealth

Also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers  
and in town affairs to assemble at the meetinghouse in the  
middle of said town on Monday the sixth day of April  
next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the follow-  
ing articles (viz)

1st For those who are qualified by the constitution to give  
into the Selectmen their votes for Governor and Lieutenant  
Governor



- for the commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Senators and councilors  
for the county of Middlesex for the year ensuing
- 2dly To chuse a moderator to govern the meeting
  - 3dly To give in their votes for a treasurer for the county of Middlesex
  - 4thly To fill up all vacant town officers
  - 5thly To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make the taxes by in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper
  - 6thly At the request of Mr Eli Parker and others to see if the town will divide school district numbered four or act any thing respecting said school district that the town may think proper
  - 7thly To see if the town will chuse auditors to settle their accounts agreeable to the by law of said town or act any thing respecting the by laws of said town that they may think proper

Hereof taken and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty eighth day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this  
this twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1818

Jonathan Perham	} Selectmen of Chelmsford
Henry Spalding	
Abijah Spalding	

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Return of the preceding warrant  
Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 26<sup>th</sup> 1818.  
Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jeph. Smith all in Chelmsford for the purposes expressed in this instrument

Luther Marshall	} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

# Journal 1878. March Meeting

Shelburne April the 6th 1878.

All a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day assembled for a town meeting of March the 2<sup>d</sup> 1878 the moderator present they proceeded to pass the following votes (viz)

- voted To accept of the Report of the committee that was chosen by the town to settle with the town treasurer
- voted and account for the support of the gospel ministry the sum of six hundred dollars \$600.00
- voted To pass over the fourth article in the warrant
- voted That the schools be kept in the same way and manner that they were the last year and that the money be expended in the same ~~way~~ ~~and be proportioned in the same way and manner that it was the last year~~
- voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner that they were the last year
- voted That the price of labour at the highways be the same that it were the last year
- voted That swine be restrained from gowing at large the year ensuing
- voted To accept of the Report of the committee appointed by the town at the request of Major Joseph Fletcher and others to see if the town would build a meetinghouse in the eastern part of the town
- voted That Mr Johnson Davis be set off from School district number Seven and be annexed to School district Number two
- voted To discontinue the tenth article until May meeting
- voted That neat cattle & horses be restrained from gowing at large the year ensuing
- voted That Mr James Marshall be set off from School district Number Seven and annexed to School district number one from School district
- voted That Mr John Crosby be set off from School district number four and be annexed to School district number five
- voted To take up and act upon the fourth article
- voted and granted for the support of Schooling nine hundred dollars \$900.00



- voted and granted for the support of the roads and bridges in said town fifteen hundred dollars ————— \$1500.00
- voted and granted for the support of the poor and other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing three thousand dollars \$3000.00
- voted That the taxes be collected in the same way and manner they were the last year
- voted For a collector of taxes and Chas. Joel Adams Jr. town treasurer
- voted That the highway tax be made by the last years invoice with making such alteration as are necessary
- voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

1818.  
Feb 27

The subscribers appointed a committee to settle  
with the Town Treasurer by leave to make the  
following

### Report

#### Ministerial Money

1.

Balance of Ministerial Money on last Settlement	\$123 <sup>90</sup>
Cash received from tax for 1816.	164 <sup>05</sup>
do exclusive of discount 1817	535 <sup>48</sup>
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	\$823 <sup>43</sup>
By cash paid Revd W. Allen	\$300 <sup>00</sup>
do do A. Proctor	36 <sup>64</sup>
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Balance of Ministerial money	\$536 <sup>64</sup>
due from Treasury	\$286 <sup>74</sup>

#### Militia Money

2

With balance due the Town last Settlement	40 <sup>25</sup>
Cash received of the conditional exempt	12 <sup>00</sup>
1817	<hr/>
	\$52 <sup>25</sup>

#### Town and School Money

3

With cash received of Thomas Peaburn	
for 1815	625 <sup>49</sup>
do do from tax lists for 1816	761 <sup>55</sup>
received on account of sundry persons	1817 116 <sup>74</sup>
From tax lists for	1817-1797 <sup>53</sup>
	<hr/>
	3301 <sup>31</sup>
Paid out in orders	3550 <sup>19</sup>
old balance due <del>the</del>	
The Treasurer	384 <sup>12</sup>
	<hr/>
	\$3934 <sup>31</sup>
	<hr/>
	633 <sup>80</sup>



deduct out balance Ministerial money 286 74 }  
 and expensts 52 25 } 338 99  
 294 01

By which it appears there is due to Lieut.  
 Caleb Abbot Treasurer of the town of Chelmsford  
 \$294 01  
 all which is respectfully Submitted

Cyrus Baldwin } Committee  
 Jonathan Petham }  
 Assented to by Caleb Abbot } Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Petham Town Clerk

### Report Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the third article  
 of the warrant for Town meeting in the town of  
 Chelmsford on the ninth day of June last, passed  
 at the request of Major Joseph Fletcher and others, to  
 see if the Town will afford any assistance in building  
 a Meetinghouse in the easterly part of said town  
 or do any thing for the convenience of attending  
 public worship with the Town or act any thing  
 thereon that the Town may think proper;  
 beg leave to make the following

### Report.

That your committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December  
 last caused Major Joseph Fletcher to be notified in  
 writing, and also posted notifications in four public  
 places within the Easterly part of the Town of  
 Chelmsford that your committee would meet  
 at the house of Jesse Smith on the twenty ninth  
 day of the same December where and where said  
 committee did meet accordingly

That only two

B-1  
That only two persons living within the easterly  
part of said Town, appeared before your Committee.  
The existence of a general wish that the abode  
of Major Fletcher & others was not suggested; ~~or~~  
nor could your committee ascertain in any way  
that such wish did exist.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Rufus Wyman, Chairman

Chelmsford

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Recorded by Jonathan Petham, Town Clerk



# May Meeting Warrant N. S. 1815

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the constables for the town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex  
Greeting

Seal  
Seal  
Seal

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up four attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of said town one at the Baptist meetinghouse in said town one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whiting in said town and one at the store of Mr. Joseph Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives to the General court of said commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on ~~Monday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> the seventh day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.  
To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General court of this commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper;

1st

To choose a moderator to govern the meeting

2dly

To see if the town will build a new bridge over Stony brook where Swift bridge (so called) stood or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper;

3dly

To see if the town will sell the old beam and act thereon as the town may think proper;

4thly

At the request of Mr. Azariah Proctor to see if the town will point out any better method for digging graves in the burying ground in the middle of said town or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper;

5thly

To take up the business in March meeting warrant that was adjourned to may meeting and act thereon as the town may think proper;

6thly

At the request of Lieut. Alpheus Spalding and others to see if the town will discontinue a road in the westerly part of said town called the blooded road beginning at the main road leading from Chelmsford to Westford meetinghouse above Alpheus Spaldings and leading high by Jonas Spaldings house and ending at the road leading from Samson Stevenss to Issacher Keyes mills or act any thing thereon as the town may think proper.

turnover

3.  
8thly At the request of cornet Amos Whelley and others to see if the town will authorize the agent chosen to oppose the petition of Capt. Thomas Shadings and others regarding a road in the northerly part of the town and take measures to establish and build said road or all any thing therein which the town may think proper,
- 9thly At the request of Edmund Butterfield and others to see if the town will take measures to open and build a new road from Capt. Shadings Shadings to Buller's town line or all any thing therein which the town may think proper,
- 10thly At the request of William Adams and others to see if the town will call on the committee that was chosen by the town to act in favour of the establishment of a road from the house of Capt. Shadings Shadings this corner to inform the town what expense has arisen to the town on account of this appointment or all any thing respecting said road that the town may think proper,
- 11thly To see what measures the town will take to clear themselves from expense for the support of John Barry and his family and all any thing therein or relative thereto that the town may think proper—

Hereof I do not and make return of this warrant as your doings therein unto the selectmen on or before the twenty fifth day of April instant

Dated at Chelmsford upon said this twenty third day of April A.D. 1818

Jonathan Perkins } Selectmen  
Henry Shadings }  
Abijah Shadings } of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk



Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex. ss. Town of Chelmsford April 25th 1818

Pursuant to this warrant I have posted up four attested copies of this within warrant (viz) one at the meeting house in the middle of said town one at the Baptist meeting house one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr. J. Sedgwick all in Chelmsford for the purposes expressed in this instrument,

Luther Marshall

Constable

of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

May Meeting

May 7th 1818

Pursuant to a law of this commonwealth the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex qualified according to the constitution having been duly convened in town meeting on the seventh day of May current for the choice of one or more representatives in the legislature of this commonwealth

Also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows, (viz)

voted To send one representative to the General court this year.

voted For a representative and unanimously chose Capt Samuel Stevens

voted and instructed the representative, (viz Capt Samuel Stevens) to oppose the Petition of Peter Coburn and others praying the General court of this commonwealth to incorporate them into a separate parish from the towns of Dracut and Chelmsford

The meeting being opened to action town business they proceeded as follows, viz.

voted For a moderator and chose Major Nathaniel Howard

voted That Francis Richardson one of the surveyors of Highways be directed to expend one half of the highway tax committed to him in building a bridge over Storing brook where Swifts bridge so called stood and that he be allowed the remainder of the expence of building said bridge out of the towns money.

voted and directed the selectmen to sell the old hearse.

voted That the selectmen direct Mr. Azariah Proctor in what way and manner to dig graves in the <sup>ground</sup> burying in the middle of said town

voted To dismiss the sixth article in the warrant

voted To discontinue the Blodget road agreeable to the article in the warrant

voted To dismiss the agent that was chosen to oppose the petition of Capt Phineas Whiting and others and give their consent



That the road be laid out agreeable to the report of the  
corts committee

voted To chuse a committee to open and build a road from the  
house of Capt Sherebiah Spaldings to Billerica town line

voted To chuse a committee to consist of three persons

voted For said committee and chose Capt John Butterfield  
Capt Sherebiah Spalding and Ensign David Perham

voted To dismiss the tenth article in the warrant,

voted To dismiss the eleventh article in the warrant,

voted To dismiss the meeting —

Attest, Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

# School Money Apportioned for A D 1818

No of Districts	Male School	Female School	Total	Committee
\$	\$	\$		
1	103.00	51.50	154.50	Joel Adams Esq
2	115.82	42.82	158.64	Capt Elisha Ford
3	53.48	26.74	80.22	Capt John Butterfield
4	69.90	34.46	104.36	Eli Parker
5	59.35	27.31	86.66	Jonathan Parker 4th
6	51.78	21.06	72.84	Joel Mansfield
7	44.27	18.13	62.40	Jeffer Maors
8	40.01	11.09	51.10	James Spalding
9	34.68	11.40	46.08	Robert B. Chamberlain
10	54.98	28.22	83.20	Joseph Bowers

Sum Total \$900.00

Jonathan Perham	} Committee
Henry Spalding Jr	
Abijah Spalding	
	} ex officio
	} School Board

Reviewed by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford Feby. 25<sup>th</sup> 1818

We hereby certify that we have examined the  
Tax bills which have been delivered to Lt. Caleb  
Abbot Collector and Treasurer for the town of  
Chelmsford for the year A D 1817 and find  
that there was collected into the treasury from  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1817 to Feby. 25<sup>th</sup> 1818 the sum of  
three hundred and eight dollars and eighty  
cents including the discount or abatement of  
two percent. Carours Excepted — \$308.80

Joseph Bailey }  
Henry Shading } Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford

Caleb Abbot Treasurer of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Chelmsford September 3<sup>d</sup> 1818

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax  
bills which have been delivered to Lieut Caleb Abbot  
Collector and Treasurer for the town of Chelmsford  
for the year A D 1818 and find that there was  
collected into the treasury after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1818 to the first day of June following for  
which no discount is allowed the sum of twelve hundred  
and thirty two dollars and fifty cents

Carours Excepted — \$1232.50

Jonathan Perkins }  
Henry Shading } Selectmen  
(Abijah Shading) } of  
Chelmsford

Caleb Abbot Treasurer for 1817

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court, holden on the second day of November being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for a representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district; votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed To wit;

For Hon Timothy Fuller thirty

Hon Samuel P. P. Fay forty six

Jonathan Perham

Henry Shadling

Abijah Shadling

} Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlesex To Otis Spading one of the constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the county of  
Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forth with to post up two attested  
copies of this warrant viz one at the meeting house  
in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist  
meetinghouse in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of  
said town who are qualified by the constitution to  
vote for Representatives to the general court of this  
commonwealth to assemble at the meetinghouse  
in the middle of said town on Monday the second  
day of November next at two o'clock in the after-  
noon to act on the following article viz.

For those who are qualified by the constitution  
to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for a  
Representative to represent the middlesex district  
in the Congress of the United States of America

Here of take not and make return of this  
warrant with your doings therein unto the Select  
men on or before the twenty fourth day of October  
instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this twentieth day of October A D 1818

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Henry Spading }  
Abijah Spading } of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

491  
Constable Return on the foregoing warrant  
Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford October 24<sup>th</sup>  
1818. Pursuant to the within warrant I have  
posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz  
one at the meetinghouse in the middle of the  
town and one at the Baptist meetinghouse in  
said town for the purpose expressed in this  
warrant

Oliver Shadring

} constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the  
constables of the town of Chelmsford within the  
County of Middlesex

Seal  
Seal  
Seal  
Greeting  
In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two  
attested copies of this warrant viz one at the Store  
of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of  
Mr. Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give  
notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
town who are qualified by the constitution to vote for  
Representatives to the General Court of this commonwealth  
to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of  
said town on Monday the second day of November  
next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on  
the following article viz

For those who are qualified by the constitution to  
give in unto the Selectmen their votes for a Representative  
to Represent the Middlesex District in the Congress of  
the United States of America

Hereof take not and make return of this war-  
rant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen  
on or before the twenty fourth day of October inst.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
aforesaid this twentieth day of October A D 1818



422

Jonathan Perham }  
Henry Spalding } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constable's Return on the foregoing warrant

October 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818. In obedience to the within  
warrant I have posted up 2 attested copies of this  
warrant over one at the Store of Capt. Phineas  
Whiting and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith  
both in said Town for the purpose here indicated.

Luther Marshall }  
Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford November the 19th 1818

We hereby certify that we have examined the two bills which have been committed to Joel Adams Esq Treasurer and collector for the town of Chelmsford for A.D. 1818: and find that there was collected into the Treasury within thirty days after the delivery of the tax bills unto him the sum of two thousand eight hundred forty four dollars and thirty seven cents (including the six per centum discount or abatement on the sum agreeable to a vote of the town for that purpose) ----- \$2844<sup>37</sup>

Discount on the above sum \$170<sup>66</sup>

Taxators Excepted

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Henry Spading 3 } of

Abijah Spading }  
Joel Adams Esq Treasurer & Collector } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford December the 19th 1819

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax bills which have been committed unto Joel Adams Esq collector and Treasurer for the Town of Chelmsford and find that there was Collected into the Treasury within sixty days from the delivery of said tax bills unto him the sum of two hundred nine dollars and fifty nine cents (including the four per centum discount or abatement on the sum agreeable to a vote of the Town for that purpose) ----- \$209<sup>59</sup>

Discount on the above sum ----- 8<sup>38</sup>

actually in the Treasury ----- \$201<sup>16</sup>

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Henry Spading 3 } of

Abijah Spading }  
Joel Adams Esq Town Treasurer } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford February 26<sup>th</sup> 1879

We hereby certify that we have examined the tax bills which have been delivered to Joel Adams Esq. Collector and Treasurer for said Town of Chelmsford and find that there was collected into the Treasury within sixty days next before the seventeenth day of February instant which day the time ends for the discount or a abatement of two per centum, the sum of one hundred thirty six dollars and forty eight cents including the two per centum allowed for discount or a abatement agreeable to a vote of the Town for that purpose  $\$136.48$

Discount on the above sum  $2.73$

Actually in the treasury  $\$133.75$

Jonathan Perham  
Henry Shading 30  
Abigail Shading } Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

March Meeting Warrant 1819

Seal } Middlesex ss. To the inhabitants one of the constables  
for the town of Chelmsford within the county of  
Middlesex Greeting

Seal } In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forth with to post up the  
allotted copies of this warrant viz one at the  
meetinghouse in the middle of said town and  
one at Baptist meeting house in said town to  
warn and give notice to the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of said town who are qualified by  
law to vote for town officers and in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in the middle  
of said town on Monday the first day of March  
next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to  
act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>dly</sup> To make choice of all town officers which the  
Law requires.
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To hear the report of the committee which was  
chosen by the town to settle with the town treasurer  
and settle the towns accounts and act any thing  
thereon that the town may think proper.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To grant such sum of money as the town may  
think proper for the support of the Gospel minis-  
try Schooling and all other necessary charges  
in said town for the year ensuing and act any  
thing thereon that the town may think proper.
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the schools  
shall be kept in said town the year ensuing  
and act any thing thereon that the town  
may think proper.
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing  
and act any thing thereon that the town may  
think proper.
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will let swine go at large the en-  
suing year.



year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

5thly To see if the town will take measures to open and build a new road as prayed for in the petition of Capt Phineas Whitney and others from the store of Mr Jesse Smith to the bend of the river near land of Joel Shading or act any thing thereon or relative thereto which the town may think proper

9thly To see if the town will take measures to prevent the establishment of an open road from Bradley's ferry on Merrimack river to the road near corner of Josiah Sitchers as prayed for by Samuel Hilbroth and others or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

10thly At the request of Joel Shading to see if the town will choose a committee to settle with him for his land which the new road takes from the bend of the river to the Merrimack canal bridge near the house of corner Amos Whitney or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

11thly At the request of Capt Phineas Whitney and others to see if the town will divide School district numbered two or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

12thly At the request of Misses Mores Hale Ephraim Osgood Jesse Mores and Simon Mores to see if the town will set them off from School district numbered seven and annex them to School district numbered two or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

13thly To see if the town will let neat cattle and Horses go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper  
Here of sale not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon unto the selectmen on or before the twentyeth day of February instant Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford a fox said this sixteenth day of February.

February AD 1819

Jonathan Perkins	} of Chelmsford
Henry Spalding	
Abigail Spalding	

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Constable's Return on the preceding Warrant  
 Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford February 18th  
 1819. Pursuant to the within I have posted up two  
 attested copies of this warrant with one at the  
 Meetinghouse in the middle of Chelmsford and  
 one at the Baptist meetinghouse in said town for  
 the purpose expressed in this warrant

	} Constable of Chelmsford
Olis Spalding	

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk



# March Meeting Warrant A D 1819

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the constables  
of the town of Sait town within the county of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested  
copies of this warrant viz One at the Store of Capt Thineas  
Whiting and one at the Store of M. J. Good Smith in Sait  
town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and  
other inhabitants of Sait town who are qualified by  
law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to  
assemble at the meeting house <sup>the middlesex</sup> in Sait town on Monday  
the first day of March next at ten of the clock in the  
forenoon to act on the following articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting
- 2<sup>dly</sup> To make choice of all town officers that the law direct
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee which was chosen  
by the town to settle with the town treasurer and  
settle the towns accounts and act anything therein  
that the town may think proper
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To Grant such sum of money as the town may think  
proper for the support of the Gospel ministry schooling  
and all other necessary charges in Sait town for the  
year ensuing and act anything therein that the  
town may think proper
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the Schools in  
Sait town shall be kept the year ensuing and act  
anything therein that the town may think proper
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To see in what way and manner the roads and  
bridges in Sait town shall be repaired the ensuing  
year and act anything therein that the town may  
think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will let Swine go at large the  
ensuing year and act anything therein that  
the town may think proper

8thly To see if the town will take measures to open and  
build a new road as prayed for in the petition of  
Capt Phineas Whiting and others from the Store of  
Joseph Smith to the head of the river near  
of the old Spaulding or at any thing therein or  
relative thereto which the town may think proper

9thly To see if the town will take measures to prevent the  
establishment of an open road from Brattleboro  
on Merrimack River to the road near Cornet's  
Fletcher as prayed for by Samuel H. Smith and  
others or at anything therein or that the town may  
think proper

10thly At the request of Major Spaulding to see if the town  
will choose a committee to settle with him for his  
which the new road takes across the bank of the  
river to the Merrimack Canal bridge near near  
the house of Corret. P. Smith or at any  
thing therein that the town may think proper

11thly At the request of Capt Phineas Whiting and  
others to see if the town will divide School District  
numbered two or at any thing therein that the  
town may think proper

12thly At the request of Messrs. Moses Hall Ephraim  
Desord Jos. Hoors and Simon Hoors to see if the town  
will set them off from School district numbered seven  
and annex them to School district numbered two  
or at any thing therein that the town may  
think proper

13thly To see if the town will let meet Cattle and horses  
year at large the ensuing year and at any thing  
therein that the town may think proper

Here of, read and make return of this warrant  
with your doings therein unto the Selectmen on or  
before the twentieth day of February next

Given under our hands and Seals at Shelburne  
afore said this Nineteenth day of February 1819

Witnessed by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Jonathan Perkins  
Hiram Spaulding  
Phineas Spaulding  
Selectmen  
6



Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middletown. Town of Guilford February 19<sup>th</sup> 1849

I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz.  
one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the  
Store of Jesse Smith both in said town and for the purpose  
herein directed.

Attest Luther Marshall, } Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

March Meeting: 19 1879

Chelmsford March the 1<sup>st</sup> 1819

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and the  
inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law  
to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the  
afore said day presented to pass the following  
votes viz.

Valid For Moderator and Chase Nathaniel Henshaw.

Sol'd for Iron (lock and Case Jonathan Peckham

8 Dec To share those Soldiers for the year ensuing

8<sup>th</sup> Dec. For the first deliberations and then Jonathan  
Perkins

Gold For the Sweet Solatium and Chorus, Joseph Bailey

Vote For the third Schulman and chose Jesse Smith

Vald For town treasurer and chose Joel Adams

Vol. For Constable for the year 1861, the town and  
and chose Luther Marshall

Value For Constable for the Southern of the town and  
Chore Otis Spalding

Voted To Chuse six fish wardens

Noted For fish-warehous and

Chose connue et limitée Joseph Parker

...from 1898

Abigail Silliman

South Marshall

Haskell Spalding

His Excellency

Noted To choose a School Committee

Resolved That the School Committee consist of one in every district.

Noted. For said school committee and

to use for district number one with Samuel Stevens

2. Ralph B. Bullitt

3 Henry Shalving 3



- 4 Josiah Voe
- 5 Daniel Parker
- 6 Joshua Hunt
- 7 Lt Jesse Piers
- 8 Dr. Wm. Spalding
- 9 Levi Farr
- 10 Jesse Smith

Voted For Surveyors of Highways  
and Chose

Johnson Davis  
Dum. Noah Spalding  
James Bowers  
Andrew Spalding  
Capt John Butterfield  
Capt Sherebiah Spalding  
Aaron Chamberlain  
Joel Dix  
Samuel Dunn  
Thomas Coburn  
Oliver Pierce Junr  
Benjamin Chamberlain

Voted To chuse four fence  
Viewers ~~and chuse~~

Voted For fence viewers  
and Chose

Josiah Chamberlain  
Simon Parker  
Henry Coburn Junr  
John Perkins Junr

Voted To chuse two field drivers

Voted For field drivers and Care  
Lowell Butterfield  
Micajah Bowers

Voted To chuse seven surveyors of lumber

Voted For surveyors of lumber  
and Chose

Abel Lincoln  
Thomas Lovel  
Capt Jonathan Tyler  
Jonathan Bensen  
Samuel S. Wood  
Asariah Procter  
Josiah Webber

Voted To chuse chuse sixteen measurers  
of wood

Voted For Measurers of wood and  
chose

Levi Farr  
Samuel Butterfield  
Ralph Butterfield  
Capt Jonathan Tyler  
James Tyler  
James Robbins  
Sprake Livingston  
Joseph Warren  
Samuel Dunn  
Lt. Alpheus Spalding  
Eben Adams  
Bela Hosmer  
Joseph Dore  
Ephraim Osgood  
Robert B. Chamberlain  
Abel Hunt

Voted To chuse sixteen Hogsheads

Voted For hogsheads and chose

William Fletcher  
Capt Jonathan Spalding  
Vernon Spalding  
Benjamin Chamberlain  
Linn Farr  
Abel Lincoln



- Micajah Parkhurst
- Samuel Parkhurst
- Lt Josiah Fletcher
- Jesse Moors
- Daniel Tuck
- Ezekiel Byam
- Capt James Pitts
- Sears C. Laws
- Willard Byam
- Nathan Parker 3

Voted For Pounce keeper and Chose Stephen Pierce junr

Voted To chuse five weirghors of hay

Voted For weighors of hay and Chose

- Salomon Adams
- Capt Phineas Whiting
- Otis Spalding
- James Tyler
- Levi Farr

Voted To chuse two <sup>insputors</sup> ~~insputors~~ of lime

Voted For <sup>insputors</sup> ~~insputors~~ of lime and Chose

- Capt John Shed
- Eberst Spalding

Voted To Chuse four cullers of staves

Voted For Cullers of staves and Chose

- Silas Hoar
- Artemus Halden
- Ebenezer Spalding
- Capt John Shed

Voted To chuse four tything men

Voted For tything men and Chose

- Josiah Warren
- Capt James Pitts
- Gideon Whitmore
- Lt Hull Blouget

Voted To accept of the report of the committee that was  
 chosen by the town, treasurer

Voted And granted six hundred dollars for the  
 support of Gospel ministry \$600.00

Voted And Granted nine hundred dollars for  
 the support of the School the year ensuing \$900.00

Voted And Granted fifteen hundred dollars  
 To repair the Highways & bridges in said town  
 the ensuing year \$1500.00

Voted And Granted three thousand dollars  
 to defray the necessary expenses of the  
 Town for the year ensuing \$3000.00

Voted That the sum of one hundred and  
 fifty dollars which was granted for  
 towns use be expended for the benefit  
 of the singing in said town

Voted For Collector of taxes and Chose said Adams

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same way and  
 manner they were the last year

Voted To chuse a committee to lay out the money that  
 was ordered to be laid out for the benefit of the  
 singing in said town,

Voted that said committee consist of three

Voted For said committee and chose Artemas Hodge  
 Dea & Oak Spalding and Henry Byrnes

Voted That the schools should be kept in the same way  
 and manner that they were the last year,

Voted That the roads and bridges in said town be repaired  
 in the same way and manner that they were the  
 last year

Voted That said committee shall not go at large the ensuing year

Voted To chuse a committee to build and lay out a road  
 from the Store of Mr Jesse Smith to the bend of  
 the River near town of Mr Joel Spalding as layed



out by a corts committee

Valid For said committee and Chase the selectmen

And instructed the a house committee to build a bridge over black brook of wood or stone as they may think proper

I dismiss the ninth article in the warrant,

To chuse a committee to settle with Mr. Joel Spalding  
 for his land which the new road takes from the bond  
 of <sup>man</sup> ~~the~~ river to the messinack canal bridge near the <sup>upper</sup> ~~lower~~  
 floor of Amos Whitneys.

Resolved That said Committee consist of three persons

Valid for said Committee and chose William Adams Esq  
Capt Phineas Whiting and Jonathan Perkins

Sol. I pass over the Eleventh article in the warrant and take up the twelfth

Valid To dismiss the twelveth article in the warrant

So take up the eleventh article in the warrant

Salida T. Public School district comprised two as follows

beginning at the bend in Merrimack River  
near the corner of Andrew Craigie then running  
easterly in a straight line to the guard Locks  
thence down the canal to the bridge near the  
house of Jonathan Tyler, <sup>or Southwicks</sup> to the south west corner  
of the house of the widow Rebecca Warren thence  
easterly to Concord River at the bend between  
Thomas Herold and Joel Warren,

stated that the north district near Capt Phineas Whiting  
 be called school district number eleven  
 Capt. T.

To choose a school committee men for school district  
 Member chosen

Value For said School committee men and Choe  
Internas Holden

Ordered That next cattle and horses shall not go at large  
the ensuing year

I am sorry to hear  
 that you will miss the meeting  
 Moved by Jonathan Putnam Town Clerk

Settlement with the Town Treasurer 1817  
 The Committee chosen by the town to settle with  
 the Treasurer by leave to make the following  
 Report —

### Town and School Money

They do find that the Town and School Treasurer  
 charged with the following viz.

Cash Received of the Town of Haverhill and  
 of sundry persons — \$130.12  
 To cash Received of Let. Caleb  
 Abbott collector and Treasurer  
 for the year 1816 and 1817 \$1197.38

To the amount of Town and  
 School money raised and  
 Voted at March Meeting 1818  
 including the Overlaying 3988.27

To the Overlaying in the State  
 and county tax — 18.70

To the amount due on the  
 highway delinquency tax 17 13  
 \$5353.60

And the Treasurer to be ~~cred-~~  
 Credited for the following  
 Viz

By cash paid sundry orders and  
 receipt — \$3684.31

By discount made on collection 181 77 8866 08

Balance of Towns money due  
 from Treasurer — \$1487.50

### Ministerial Money

To Cash received of Let. Caleb  
 Abbott collector for 1816 & 1817 343 75

To the amount of ministerial  
 money Voted and Raised at



March Meeting 1818. including  
the the Overlayings \$612 " 75 \$756 " 50  
62

By cash paid as per cemetery  
orders \$771 " 51

Balance of Ministerial  
money due from the Treasurers \$184 " 99

Militia Money

So Cash received of nine  
exempts from Militia duty  
which is due from the Treasurers \$18 " 00

All which is Submitted by your  
Obedient Servt

Cyrus Baldwin

Chulmsford Feb<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1819 Caleb Abbott

Assented to by Joel Adams Town Treasurer

And Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Middlesey ss. March 17th. 1874. Then Jonathan  
Perham Esq and Mr Joseph Bailey severally appeared  
and made solemn oath that they would faithfully  
and impartially discharge the duties of the office  
of Selectmen in the town of Chelmsford respecting  
all elections and the returns thereof for the year  
ensuing— Before me Joel Adams Justice of  
the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### Assessor's Oath

Middlesey ss. March 19th 1877. Then Jonathan  
Perham Esq and Joseph Bailey personally appeared  
and was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of  
the duties of the office of Assessor for the Town of  
Chelmsford for the year ensuing in the form  
prescribed by law

Before me Joel Adams Justice  
of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### Assessor's Oath

Middlesey ss. Chelmsford. April the 13th 1879  
Personally appeared Mr Elijah Spalding and made  
Oath that he would proceed equally and impartially  
according to his best skill and judgment in assessing  
and apportioning all such rates and taxes as he may  
according to law be directed to assess and apportion  
during the year for which he is chosen

Before Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

### Selectmen's Oath

Middlesey ss Chelmsford. April the 15th 1879 Then Mr Elijah  
Spalding personally appeared and made solemn oath that he  
would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the  
office of Selectmen in the Town of Chelmsford respecting all elections  
and the returns thereof for the year ensuing

Before Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



# Town Officers A.D. 1819

Chilmark March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1819

The following named persons were on this day in legal Town meeting chosen in to the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared and taken the Oath to the office into which they are chosen agreeable to law as follows: over

Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk was sworn in at the town meeting before Nathaniel Wright Esq.

October 22 Joel Adams Esq. —

Town Treasurer

March 10<sup>th</sup> Luther Marshall  
Otis Spalding

} Constables

10<sup>th</sup> Otis Spalding

} Fish wardens

Johnson Davis

March 10<sup>th</sup> Dea Noah Spalding  
Andrew Spalding  
Capt John Butterfield  
Aaron Chamberlain  
Samuel Dorr

} Surveyors of the  
Highways

April 10 Oliver Pierce junr  
5 Benjamin Chamberlain

May 6 Capt Shadrach Spalding

May 6 James Bowers

24 Joel Day

~~March 10~~ 28 Thomas Coburn

March 10 John Perkins junr

} Town Viewers

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} Tides Crises

March 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas Level  
Joseph Webber  
Abel Lincoln  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Daniel F. Wood  
May 27 Mariah Prester

} Surveyors of Lumber

March 10<sup>th</sup> Daniel Apheus Spalding  
Eben Adams  
Robert B. Chamberlain  
April 5 Levi Harr  
May 28 Samuel Dunn

} Measurers of Wood

March 10<sup>th</sup> Willard Byam  
Abel Lincoln  
Ezekiel Byam  
Sears C. Laws  
Levi Harr

} Hogrears



Hog rears

Ground reaper

Weighers of hay

March 10<sup>th</sup> Ebenezer Spalding } Inspectors of wine

March 10<sup>th</sup> Ebenezer Spalding } Callers of Staves

Tything men

October 22<sup>d</sup> Joel Adams Esq. - Callutor of Taxes  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> 1819. At a meeting of the Select men present  
 Jos<sup>ph</sup> Perkins & Abijah Spalding appointed Lt  
 Daniel Proctor a Sealer of weights & measures and he was  
 sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office before  
 Jos<sup>ph</sup> Perkins & Abijah Spalding

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fifth day of April being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration there of made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons —

For Governor	{	Hon <sup>ble</sup> John Brooks Esq one hundred	
		and twenty eight	128
		Hon Benj <sup>l</sup> W. Croswinshield Seventy	
		Six	76

For Lieutenant Governor	{	Hon William Phillips Esq one hundred	
		and twenty eight	128
		Benj <sup>n</sup> Austin Esq Seventy	
		Six	76

Jonathan Perkins	{	Solemn & Chelmsford
Joseph Bailey		

Attest Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk  
Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Inverness



At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and councillors, holden on the fifth day of April being the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Councillors of the district of Middlesex the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons -

For

Hon Samuel P. Taylor	one hundred and nineteen	119
Calvin Sanger	one hundred and twenty	120
John Abbott	one hundred and two	102
Joseph Locke	sixteen	16
Hon Joseph B. Varnum	seventy six	76
Hon John Hart	seventy six	76
Hon Leonard M. Parker	seventy six	76

Jonathan Perham	} Selectmen of
Joseph Briley	
	} Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



At a Meeting at Mount 1817

Middlesex ss to South. Marshal one of the Constables for  
the Town of Guilford within the county of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies  
of this warrant, one at the Store of Capt Thomas Smith  
and one at the Store of Messrs Smith in said town to  
warn and give notice to the free electors and other inhabi-  
tants of said Town who are qualified by the constitution  
to vote for Governor and Lieut Governor and Sena-  
tors & Councilors and Representatives agreeable to the  
Constitution of said Commonwealth. Also those who are  
qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town  
affairs to assemble at the Meeting here in the middle of  
said town on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April next  
at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the constitution to give in  
into the Selectmen their votes for Governor and Lieut  
Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for  
Senators and Councilors for the County of Middlesex  
for the year ensuing.

2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3<sup>ly</sup> To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County  
of Middlesex.

4<sup>ly</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers.

5<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr Benjamin Adams & others to see  
if the Town will vote to give up the Grille Road (so called)  
leading from near Mr Joseph Adams es & thence to the  
Coral of Mr Benjamin Adams to Belvidere line or  
act any thing there on which they may think proper.

6<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice  
of all their Polls and rateable property to make the taxes  
by in said town the year ensuing and act any thing there  
on that the town may think proper.

7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will have the highway tax made by  
the last years invoice and act thereon as the town may  
think proper.

8<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr Moses Hale to see if the town will  
provide some suitable place to deposite the towns store  
in or act any thing there on which the town may  
think proper.

Hereof I have not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings there on unto the Selectmen.



on or before the twenty sixth day of March instant.  
Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid  
this twenty third day of March 1819

Jonathan Perham }  
Joseph Bailey }  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Return of the Constable on the preceding warrant

Subscribed March 26th 1819. Town of Chelmsford  
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies  
of this warrant viz one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting  
and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith both in said  
town and for the purposes herein directed

Luther Marshall }  
Constable  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

April Meeting Warrant. 1817

(S) Middlesex ss To His Honor one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex

(23) Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant, one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freemen and all inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut Governor & Senators and Councillors and Representatives agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor and Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Senators and Councillors for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to Govern the Meeting
- 3<sup>d</sup> To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex
- 4<sup>thly</sup> To fill up all vacant town officers
- 5<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Mr Benjamin Adams & others to see if the town will vote to give up the brielle road (so called) leading from near Mr Joseph Adams Mill through land of Mr Benjamin Adams to Billerica line or all any thing thereon which they may think proper
- 6<sup>thly</sup> To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice of all their polls and rateable property to make the taxes by in said town the year ensuing and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper
- 7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will raise the highway tax made by the last years invoice and act thereon as the town may think proper



At the request of Mr. Moses H. to see if the town will provide  
some suitable place to dispose the town stores in or all any  
thing thereon which the town may think proper

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant with you  
doing thereon unto the selectmen on or before the twenty seventh  
day of March instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid  
this twenty third day of March A D 1819

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the preceding warrant  
Middletown, Town of Chelmsford March 27th 1819  
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies  
of this warrant viz. one at the Meeting house in the  
Middle of the town and one at the Baptist meetinghouse  
both for the purposes expressed in this warrant

Otis Spalding } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

April Meeting 1817

Shelburne April the 5th 1817

A legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows. viz

- Voted For Moderator and chose Major Nathaniel Howes
- Voted For Town Treasurer and the votes were for  
John Keys 47  
Abijah Spalding 1
- Voted To Chuse a Selectman by reason of H. Jesse Smith's refusing to serve
- Voted For a Selectman and chose Abijah Spalding
- Voted To put over the fifth article in the warrant until May Meeting next
- Voted That the assessors take the invoice in the same way and manner that it has been taken for several years last passed
- Voted That the Highway tax be made by the last years invoice by the Assessors making such alterations as they may think proper
- Voted To Chuse a Committee to estimate the expense of a building to deposite the town stores in and pitch upon some spot to set the building if they think proper for the town to build and make report to the town at the next town meeting
- Voted To Chuse a Committee to consist of three
- Voted That the selectmen be a committee for the above purpose
- Voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



May Meeting Warrant 1819

Middlesex Co. To Luther Mayhew one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of M. Jess Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Thursday the sixth day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of this Commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing therein on that the town may think proper

To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting At the request of Capt Samuel Stevens & others to see if the town will take measures to cause the history of this town compiled by the Rev. Mr. Allen to be printed or assist in defraying the expense of its being or act any thing on this subject which the town may think proper

At the request of William Adams Esq. to see if the town will grant him the privilege of setting a horse stable near the meeting house in the middle of said town or act any thing therein on that the town may think proper

To see if the Town will Chuse a committee to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer or act any thing therein or relative therein to that the town may think proper

To see if the town will take up the wharf which was adjourned at April meeting until May Meeting and act any thing therein that the town may think proper

To see if the town will accept of a list of persons names made out by the Selectmen for regulating the gang Box and

1831  
say and do any thing therein on that the town may think proper

8thly At the request of Cyrus Baldwin Esq and others  
To see if the town will provide one or more stoves  
with funnels and set them up in the meeting house in the  
middle of the town by the first day of November next to  
do any thing therein on that the town may think proper

Hereof take not and make return at this warrant  
with your doings therein unto the selectmen on the  
fourth day of April instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
upon said this twenty fourth day of April A D 1819

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Mijah Shadwin }  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding warrant

Middlsex ss Town of Chelmsford April the 24<sup>th</sup> 1819  
Persuant to this warrant I have posted up two attested  
copies of this <sup>within</sup> warrant viz. one at the Store of Capt  
Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse  
Smith both in Chelmsford for the purpose expressed  
in this instrument

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



# May Meeting Warrant 1819

Middlesex Co. To Otis Spalding one of the constables for the town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the Meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the free holders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Thursday the Sixth day of May next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of said Commonwealth for the year ensuing or on any thing therein or that the town may think proper

To Choose a Moderator to Govern the meeting  
At the request of Capt. Samuel Stevens and others

To see if the town will take measures to cause the history of this town compiled by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Allen to be printed or assist in its ~~being~~ defraying the expense of its being printed or act any thing on this subject which the town may think proper

At the request of William Adams Esq. To see if the town will grant him the privilege of setting a horse stable near the Meeting house in the middle of said town or act any thing therein or that the town may think proper

To see if the town will cause a committee to make an annual settlement with the town treasurer or act any thing therein or relative thereto that the town may think proper

To see if the town will take up the article which was adjourned at April Meeting until May Meeting and act any

and act any thing therein that the town may think proper

4thly To see if the town will accept of a list of <sup>persons</sup> names made by the Selectmen for regulating the Juries Box and act any thing therein that the town may think proper

8thly At the request of Cyrus Baldwin Esqr and others To see if the town will provide one or more stove warm furnaces and set them up in the meeting house in the middle of said town by the first day of November next or act any thing therein that the town may think proper

Hereof take not and make return of this warrant on your closing this up into the Selectmen on the twenty fourth day of April instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford, <sup>as aforesaid</sup> the twenty fourth day of April A D 1819

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Abijah Shadwin } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the Pceeding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 24th 1819  
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purpose expressed in this warrant

Olis Shadwin } Constable  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



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May Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup> 1819

Persuant to a law of this Commonwealth the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the constitution having been duly convened in town meeting on the Sixth day of May current for the choice of one or more Representatives in the legislation of this Commonwealth.

Also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows.

It was moved that the town send a Representative to the General Court this year but the motion was not carried & the town did not vote to send

By ballot for Moderator and chose Jonathan Perham

To purchase four hundred printed copies of the history of the town of Chelmsford compiled by the Revd Mr Allen for the benefit of the inhabitants of this town

To Chuse a committee to provide the above named copies

Said committee consist of one person

For said Committee and chose Cyrus Baldwin Esq

That the above named copies when provided be placed in the hands of the Selectmen and delivered out by them to the inhabitants at the first cost

That no one person shall be allowed to take any more than five copies of

To Chuse a committee to examine and see if there is any suitable place near the meeting house in the middle of the town to erect horse stables on and make report to the town at the next town meeting

That said committee consist of three

For said committee and chose Major Joseph Fletcher Iron Chamberlain David Perham

- Resolved To Chuse a committee to make an annual settle  
with the lower treasurer
- Resolved That said committee consist of three persons
- Resolved For said Committee and and Chose Nathaniel  
Bright Esq. Benjamin Chamberlain Esq. & Cyrus  
Baldwin Esq.
- Resolved To excuse Cyrus Baldwin Esq. from serving on  
the above committee
- Resolved for a person to fill the place of Cyrus Baldwin Esq.  
and Chose Eben Adams
- Resolved To continue the sixth article in the warrant
- Resolved That the names of the select men be added to the  
list of Jurors
- Resolved To accept of the list of Jurors after adding the name  
of the select men
- Resolved To reconsider the vote that was passed to accept  
of the list of Jurors
- Resolved That Mr Jonathan Hemmings name be struck  
of the list of Jurors
- Resolved To accept of the list of Jurors
- Resolved To dismiss the eighth article in the warrant
- Resolved To dismiss the meeting -

Recorded by Jonathan Pitham Town Clerk



Middlesex Co. Commonwealth of Massachusetts -

To the Sheriffs of our counties of Middlesex & Kennebec  
& eis of his Deputies

Greeting  
Whereas Walter Hastings of Townsend in Said County  
of Middlesex, Esquire, -

By the Consideration of our Justices of our Court of Common  
Pleas holden at Cambridge - for and within our County of  
Middlesex afore said, on the Monday next preceeding the  
third Tuesday of December last recovered judgment against  
Ebeneser Bridge of said Cambridge Esquire.

36.93 for the sum of eighty six dollars and ninety eight cents -  
10.64 damage, and ten dollars and ten cents and sixty four  
cents - " " " " " "  
7.62 Cost of suit as to us appear of record whereof execution remain-  
25 -rs to be done;

11.72 We command you therefore, that of the goods, Chattles  
109.59 or lands of the said Bridge - with your precept, you  
cause to be paid and satisfied unto the said Hastings,  
at the value thereof in money the afore said sums  
being \$97.62 -

in the whole with twenty five cents - more for this writ  
and there of also to satisfy yourself for your own fees; and for  
want of goods, Chattles, or lands of the said Bridge, to  
be by him shown unto you or found within your precinct  
to the acceptance of the said Hastings to satisfy the sums  
afore said -

We command you to take the body of the said Bridge -

and him commit unto our Gaol in Cambridge,  
Concord or Augusta in our County of Middlesex,  
or Kennebec, afore said, and detain in your custody  
with our said gaol until he pay the full sums -  
above mentioned with your fees, or that he be discharged  
by the said Hastings, the Creditor, or otherways, by order  
of law -

Here of fail not and make return of this writ with your  
doings thereon into our said Court of Common Pleas to  
be holden at Concord within our County of Middlesex  
afore said upon the Monday next preceeding the third  
Tuesday of March next witness James Prescott, Esq. at  
Cambridge the fourth day of January in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven

Abner Bigelow Clerk

Middlesex ss. Jan'y. 19<sup>th</sup> 1811. Where he usually appeared  
 William Fletcher said that he was jointly and severally  
 made oath that they would faithfully and impartially appraise  
 such real estate as should be shown to them to satisfy this execution  
 with all fees before me

Reuben Wyman Justice Peace

Middlesex ss. Jan'y. 19<sup>th</sup> 1811 We the subscribers after being sworn as  
 above certified have appraised the breckfast pieces here after  
 described to wit. V.B.1. on the floor of the meeting house in  
 Chelmsford in the middle of the town at the sum of ninety cents  
 and 10.10 in the gallery of the same meeting house at the  
 sum of nineteen dollars and fifty nine cents to satisfy this  
 Exec with all fees the same having been shown to us by the creditor  
 as the property of the said Debtor and have set out the same  
 by meals and bounds by naming the rods of said pieces as follows

William Fletcher.

Isiah Fletcher

appraisers

Joseph Baley

Middlesex ss. Jan'y. 19<sup>th</sup> 1811 The within named bridge and  
 having satisfied this execution by money or other she is and the  
 said Hastings the creditor being not able to find any personal  
 estate where with to satisfy this execution and having thought  
 proper to lay the same upon the real estate of the said bridge  
 I therefore in obedience hereto have caused three disinterested  
 and discreet men being free holders in said County, to wit  
 William Fletcher chosen by the said Hastings, Isiah Fletcher chosen  
 by my self and Joseph Baley appointed by me the said officer for  
 the said bridge who neglected to cause heret being to be sworn  
 in my presence to be sworn before Reuben Wyman one of the  
 justices of the peace for said county faithfully and impartially  
 to appraise such real estate as should be shown to them to satisfy  
 this execution with all fees, who then afterwards in the same day  
 appraised the real estate specified in their return above written  
 at the sum of one hundred and nine dollars and fifty nine  
 cents to satisfy this execution with all fees, and described and set  
 out the same appraised premises by meals and bounds as set  
 forth in the return above said of which estate so appraised and  
 set out, which was attached in my name process and taken  
 by me on this execution. I have delivered Seizure and possession  
 to the said Hastings, the creditor in full satisfaction of this  
 execution. I therefore return the same satisfied in full

Samson Woods Deputy Sheriff

Surrogate \$1.30

Prindage - 0.92

Travel - 1.00

Justice certificate 0.50

Appraisers - 3.00

Recording - 2.00

Returns - 1.00

11.72

Jan'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1811 Recd of Samson Woods Sheriff  
 Seizure and possession of the above described premises  
 in full satisfaction of this execution

Walter Hastings

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk



Know all men by these presents that I  
Aaron Chamberlin of Chelmsford in the County of  
Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman  
in consideration of twenty two dollars fifty cents to me  
paid by Amos Byam of Chelmsford aforesaid yeoman  
the receipt whereof I do here by acknowledge do hereby give  
grant sell and convey unto the said Amos Byam & his  
heirs and assigns forever one half of a certain piece or  
the loor floor in Chelmsford Meeting house in the middle  
of the town so called it being and bearing number five.  
To have & to hold the aforesaid premises to the said Amos  
Byam and his heirs and assigns to his and their use and  
behoof forever and that I have good right to sell and convey  
the same to the said Amos Byam and that I will warrant  
and defend the same premises to the said Amos Byam  
and his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims  
and demands of all persons  
in witness whereof I the said Aaron Chamberlin with  
Sarah my wife as consenting here unto and yielding  
up his right of dower and power of thirds have here  
unto set our hands and seals this twenty ninth day of  
May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eleven —

Signed sealed and delivered

in presents of us

Isaac Adams

Aaron Chamberlin

Aaron Chamberlin L

Sarah Chamberlin L

Middlesex ss September 23<sup>d</sup>. 1811 Then the above named  
Aaron Chamberlin personally appeared before me and  
acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and  
deed

Isaac Adams Justice of the Peace

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1811  
Recorded, by

Jonathon Perham Town Clerk

101 I know all men by these presents.

That I Daniel Hayden of Chelmsford in the  
County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, Trader

in consideration of twenty four dollars  
payed by Henry Shading the third of said  
Chelmsford yeoman

The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge  
do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the  
Said Henry Shading 3<sup>d</sup> one undivided half  
of a piece upon the floor in Chelmsford Meeting  
house, being and bearing number twenty  
five and being the same which I bought of  
Daniel Meder as will appear by Said Meders  
Deed to me bearing date August 16<sup>th</sup> 1808

To have and to hold the afore granted premises  
to the said Henry Shading 3<sup>d</sup> his heirs and  
assigns to his and their use and behoof forever  
and I do Covenant with the said Henry Shading  
3<sup>d</sup> his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully  
seized in fee of the afore granted premises that  
they are free of all incumbrances that I have  
good right to sell and convey the same to the  
said Henry Shading 3<sup>d</sup>  
and that I will warrant and defend the same  
premises to the said Henry Shading 3<sup>d</sup> —  
his heirs and assigns for ever against the lawful  
claims and demands of all persons —

In witness whereof the said Daniel Hayden  
has hereunto set his hand and Seal this twelfth  
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eleven —

Signed Seal and delivered } Daniel Hayden [L]  
in presence of us

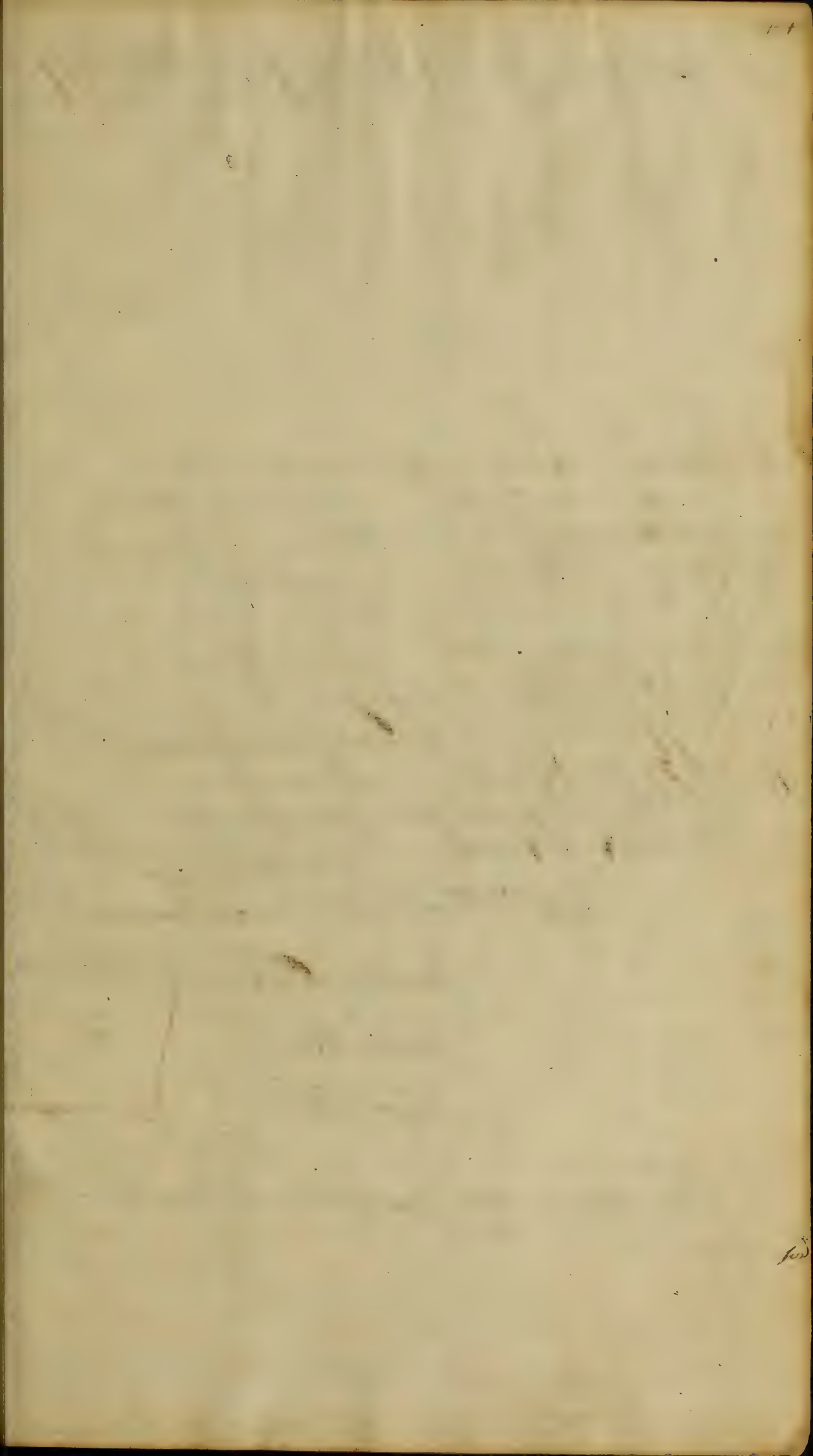
John Pitts Junr

Josiah Fletcher

Middlesex ss April 11<sup>th</sup> 1811 Then the above named Daniel  
Hayden acknowledged the above instrument to be his  
free act and Deed before me.

Quoted by Rufus Hyman Justice of peace  
Jona. Perham Town Clerk





# School Money apportioned for A.D. 1819

School Districts	Men School	Woman School	Total	Committee
\$	\$	\$		
1	103 <sup>80</sup>	51 <sup>90</sup>	135 <sup>70</sup>	Capt. Samuel Stevens
2	53 <sup>76</sup>	24 <sup>00</sup>	77 <sup>76</sup>	Ralph Butterfield
3	51 <sup>18</sup>	25 <sup>59</sup>	76 <sup>77</sup>	Henry Spalding 3d
4	66 <sup>67</sup>	33 <sup>33</sup>	100 <sup>00</sup>	Josiah Fair
5	56 <sup>22</sup>	28 <sup>10</sup>	84 <sup>32</sup>	Daniel Parker
6	47 <sup>37</sup>	23 <sup>68</sup>	71 <sup>05</sup>	Joshua Hunt
7	44 <sup>18</sup>	21 <sup>00</sup>	65 <sup>18</sup>	Capt Jesse Pierce
8	33 <sup>77</sup>	10 <sup>25</sup>	44 <sup>02</sup>	Lieut. Alpheus Spalding
9	39 <sup>37</sup>	13 <sup>15</sup>	52 <sup>52</sup>	Levi Farr
10	60 <sup>88</sup>	30 <sup>44</sup>	91 <sup>32</sup>	Cor. Jesse Smith
11	56 <sup>24</sup>	28 <sup>12</sup>	84 <sup>36</sup>	Artemus Holden

\$900<sup>00</sup> Sum total Barrens Excepted

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



The following are a list of names selected by the  
Selectmen for the purpose of filling the juror box  
April the 20th 1819

Joseph	Adams,	Maj Joseph Fletcher.	James Robbins
William	Adams,	Cor Josiah Fletcher	Elijah Richardson
Eben	Adams	Capt Eliza Ford	
Ephraim	Adams	Levi Foster	Andrew Spadring
Isaac	Adams.	En John Goulding	Ira Spadring
Caleb	Abbot	Major Nathaniel Howard	Ephraim Spadring
Salathiel	Adams	Artemus Holdens	Capt Jona Spadring
		Moses Hale	Capt Noah Spadring
John	Balcom,	Asa Hodgman,	Henry Spadring
Samuel	Butterfield,	John Harwood,	Jesse Smith
Amos	Byam	Jacob Kilder	St Alphus Spadring
Simon	Blodget		Capt Sherbish Spadring
John	Butterfield,	James Marshall	Simon Spadring
Suell	Blodget	Joel Mansfield	Arariah Spadring
Cyrus	Baldwin	En	Capt Samuel Stevens
Joseph	Bowers	Ephraim Bgood,	Capt John Steel
Benj <sup>n</sup>	Butterfield	En Jesse Pierce	
		Cor Eben	Parker. Capt Luke Thompson
Benj <sup>n</sup>	Chamberlain,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Parkhurst	Nathan Tyler
Henry	Coburn	Jm <sup>r</sup> , Oliver Parkhurst,	Capt Jona Tyler
Joseph	Chamberlain,	Joseph Putnam	
Thomas	Coburn	Dan <sup>l</sup> Parker,	Capt Pinneas Whitney
John	Carlton	Jona <sup>r</sup> Parker	J. Cor <sup>t</sup> Amos Whitney
Johnson	Davis	St Joseph Parker	Samuel Flood
David	Dutton,	Capt Henry S. Parker.	Capt Leachus to right
		Stephen Pierce	Joseph Warren
Ben Owen	Emerson,	Joel Parkhurst.	Josiah Webster
		En David Perham	
William	Fletcher,	Arariah Procter	Jona Perham
William	Fletcher	Stephen Pierce	Jos Bailey
Josiah	Fletcher	Jonas N Procter.	Elijah Spadring
Josiah	Fletcher		

accepted by the town may the 6th 1819. and  
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Middlebury 30th Dec<sup>r</sup> 1811  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required forthwith to post up two  
altered copies of this warrant, one at the  
meetinghouse in the middle of the town and  
one at the baptist meetinghouse in said town  
to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law  
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting  
house in the middle of said town on Monday the  
the twenty seventh day of December instant at two o  
clock in the afternoon to act on the following article  
To wit

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Petition of Capt. Phineas Whiting and  
others praying the Legislature of this Commonwealth  
to annex them together with their polls and estates to  
the west Congregational Society in the town of Dr  
att and act on anything their own or relative thereto  
which the town may think proper.

3<sup>ly</sup> To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen  
at the last town meeting to examine and see  
if there is any suitable place to build more stables  
near the meetinghouse in the middle of the  
town and act on anything their own or which the town  
may think proper.

4<sup>thly</sup> To the request of Mr. Aaron Chamberlain and  
others to see if the town will take measures to purchase  
the land lying east of the common and south of  
Painel for purpose of enlarging the common  
and act on anything their own or which the town may think  
proper.

5<sup>thly</sup> To the request of Capt. Josiah Slater and others  
to see if the town will introduce uniformity of  
books into our school or act on anything their own



which the town may think proper.

7thly At the request of Capt Josiah Fletcher and others to see if the town will chuse a Committee in addition to the Selectmen and Clergy men to examine & annually report on the state of the Schools before the town or act anything there on that the town may think proper

8thly To see if the town will purchase a farm for the support of the poor or act anything respecting the support of the poor that the town may think proper

9thly To see if the town will petition the Legislature for a new hearing in the case of John Hardy or act anything there on or relative thereto which the town may think proper

Hereof taken and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the eighteenth day of December instant.

Given under our hands and seals at the long P. a. & bail this nineteenth day of December A. D. 1814

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey } of  
Najah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

For the return of the preceding warrant see  
next page

741  
Return of the preceding warrant

Hiddelee p. Town of Chelmsford December 18th 1800

Pursuant to the within have posted up two attested  
copies of this warrant one at the Meeting house  
in the middle of Chelmsford and one at the Baptist  
meeting house in Sait town for the purpose expressed  
in this warrant

Otis Appalling

} Constable

} of

} Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Periam Town Clerk



444  
Middlesex B. To. Scatter. Marshal one of the Constables  
of the town of Chelmsford within the County of  
Middlesex

Granting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
with you are hereby required forthwith to post  
up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One  
at the store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one  
at the store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said town to  
warn and give notice to the freeholders and  
other inhabitants of said town who are qualified  
by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at  
the meeting house in the middle of said town  
on Monday the twenty seventh day of December  
instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to act  
on the following articles to wit

To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting

To hear the petition of Capt. Phineas Whiting and  
others praying the Legislature of this common-  
wealth to annex them together with their polls  
and estates to the west Congregational society  
in the town of Dracutt and act on any thing  
thereon or relative thereto which the town may  
may think proper

To hear the report of the Committee that was  
chosen at the last town meeting to Examine  
and see if there is any suitable place to build  
horse stables near the meeting house in the  
middle of the town and act on any thing thereon  
which the town may think proper

At the request of W. Aaron Chamberlain and others

To see if the town will take measures to purchase the  
the land lying east of the Common and South of the  
Pound

547  
3<sup>thly</sup> Pound for the purpose of enlarging the town men or  
act any thing therein which the town may think proper  
At the request of Capt Josiah Fletcher and others  
To see if the town will introduce a uniformity of  
books into our schools or act any thing therein  
which the town may think proper

6<sup>thly</sup> At the request of Capt Josiah Fletcher and others  
To see if the town will Chuse a Committee in  
addition to the Selectmen and Clergymen to exam-  
ine & annually report on the State of the Schools  
before the town or act any thing therein that  
the town may think proper.

7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will purchase a farm for the  
support of the Poor or act any thing respecting  
the support of the Poor that the town may think  
proper

8<sup>thly</sup> To see if the town will Petition the the legislature  
for a new hearing in the case of John Hardy or  
act any thing therein or relative thereto which  
the town may think proper

Here of file not and make return of this war-  
ant with your doing there on unto the Selectmen  
on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford  
afore said this sixteenth day of December A<sup>D</sup> 1819

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen  
Joseph Bailey }  
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Return of the preceding warrant

Middlesex Co Town of Chelmsford December 18<sup>th</sup> 1814

Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested  
copies of this warrant, viz one at the Store of Capt  
Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse  
Smith both in said town for the purpose here in directed.

Attest Luther Marshall

} Constable  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford December the 27<sup>th</sup> 1849

A legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day they proceeded as follows viz

Voted For. To order and chose Jonathan Perkins

Voted To chose one or more agents to oppose the petition of Capt Phineas Whiting and others praying the legislature of this Commonwealth to be set off from the town of Chelmsford together with their polls and estates to the west Congregational society in the town of Draut.

Voted To chose two agents for the above purpose

Voted For agents ~~for~~ the above purpose and chose Jonathan Perkins and Capt James Pitts

Voted To adjourn the meeting for a bout fifteen minutes for the purpose of examining the ground proposed for horse stables

The inhabitants of the town being legally assembled agreeable to adjournment provided as follows

Voted To accept the first part of the report of the committee that was chose at the last town meeting to examine and see if there is any suitable place near the meeting house in the middle of the town to build horse stables upon which is as follows viz

your committee find a piece of ground which they think suitable to build horse stables upon beginning at the north end of the old stables at the west end of the meeting house thence running ~~now~~ northerly by the side of the living yard



yard wall until it ~~reaches~~ to the burning  
yard gate

Voted To dismiss the fourth article in the warrant.

Voted To dismiss the fifth article in the warrant.

Voted To dismiss the sixth article in the warrant.

Voted To dismiss the seventh article in the warrant.

Voted To refer the eighth article in the warrant to the  
discussion of the selectmen.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford March 3<sup>d</sup> 1810

We certify that we have examined the tax bills  
committed to Joel Adams, Town Treasurer and  
collector of Chelmsford for the year 1810,  
and find that there was collected into the  
treasury after the discount ceased to be  
allowed and previous to the first day of  
June last the sum of one thousand five  
hundred and ninety five Dollars and twenty  
six cents.  $\$1395.26$

Joseph Bailey

Saltzman

Abijah Spadring  
Joel Adams Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford November 21<sup>st</sup> 1819

we here by certify that we have examined the  
tax bills which have been committed to Joel Adams  
Treasurer and collector for the Town of Chelmsford  
for A D 1819. and find that the sum of two  
thousand five hundred and forty three dollars and  
Eighty seven cents was collected in to the Treasury  
within thirty days after the delivery of the tax  
bills for collection including the six percent  
discount allowed on the same sum  $\$2543.87$

Sta.

$132.63$

$\$2391.24$

Joseph Bailey

Abijah Spadring

Saltzman

Joel Adams Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk



Chelmsford, December 21 1817

We hereby certify that we have examined the Say bills which have been committed to Joel Adams, Treasurer and collector for the Town of Chelmsford for 1817 and find that the sum of three hundred and fifty seven Dollars and seventy five cents, was collected in to the treasury within sixty days after the delivery of the tax bills to the Treasurer for collection including the four per cent. discount allowed on the same

357<sup>75</sup>  
Discount on the same 14<sup>31</sup>  
\$343<sup>44</sup>

Joseph Bailey }  
Abijah Spalding } Selectmen  
Joel Adams Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford February 20<sup>th</sup> 1820

We hereby certify that we have examined the Say bills which have been committed to Joel Adams Treasurer and collector for the town of Chelmsford for 1819 and find the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars and nine cents, was collected in to the Treasury within one hundred and twenty after the delivery of the tax bills to the treasurer for collection including the two percent. discount allowed on the same

\$360<sup>09</sup>  
Discount on the same 7<sup>20</sup>  
\$352<sup>89</sup>

Jonathan Perham }  
Joseph Bailey } Selectmen  
Joel Adams Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Sum of money reported for 1820

1820	1821	1822	1823	1824
1	46-67	48-33	145-00	Oliver Parkhurst
2	52-38	25-02	78-00	Johnson Davis
3	49-86	24-78	74-64	Josiah Parkhurst
4	68-83	34-41	103-24	Capt Ebenezer Shiel
5	56-77	28-33	85-15	Capt Samuel Thomas
6	48-90	24-45	73-35	Artemus Parker
7	43-22	21-60	64-82	Ephraim Cogswell
8	29-30	14-04	43-94	Josiah Ditson
9	35-92	13-95	49-87	Timothy Mead
10	60-19	30-09	90-28	Levi Foster
11	61-14	30-57	91-71	Capt Jonathan Spalding

\$900.00. C. Samuel Thomas Treasurer

Jonathan Potham }  
 Henry Spalding }  
 Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Potham Town Clerk -



# School Money Apportioned for A D 1821

to Districts	Mans School	Womens School	Total	Names of School Committee
1	106" 70	53" 34	160" 04	Samuel Butterfield -
2	50" 50	25" 00	75" 50	Major Joseph Metcher
3	48" 06	24" 03	72" 09	Ephraim Spalding
4	64" 81	32" 40	97" 21	Joseph Chamberlain -
5	55" 24	27" 62	82" 86	Jonathan Parker 2 <sup>d</sup>
6	46" 86	23" 42	70" 28	Willard Byam
7	41" 59	20" 54	62" 13	Peter Marshall -
8	27" 36	13" 68	41" 04	Josiah Ditron -
9	35" 08	14" 00	49" 08	Solomon Adams
10	62" 79	31" 38	94" 17	Robert Spalding -
11	63" 78	31" 82	95" 60	Capt Jonathan Tyler -

Sum total balance apportioned 900" 00

Jonathan Perkins } Selectmen of  
 Henry Spalding }  
 Abijah Spalding }  
 Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

# School Money Reported for 1822

1822	Amount	Warranted	Sum total of	Names of School
1	110 <sup>00</sup> 76	55 <sup>00</sup> 37	166 <sup>00</sup> 13	David Peckham
2	71 <sup>00</sup> 76	35 <sup>00</sup> 88	107 <sup>00</sup> 64	John Fisher
3	51 <sup>00</sup> 84	25 <sup>00</sup> 92	77 <sup>00</sup> 76	Gideon Whittemore
4	67 <sup>00</sup> 52	33 <sup>00</sup> 76	101 <sup>00</sup> 28	Capt. Leander Wright
5	60 <sup>00</sup> 08	30 <sup>00</sup> 03	90 <sup>00</sup> 11	Ephraim Warren
6	49 <sup>00</sup> 92	24 <sup>00</sup> 98	74 <sup>00</sup> 88	James Robbins
7	46 <sup>00</sup> 02	23 <sup>00</sup> 00	69 <sup>00</sup> 02	John Carlton
8	29 <sup>00</sup> 92	14 <sup>00</sup> 96	44 <sup>00</sup> 88	Isaiah Spalding
9	36 <sup>00</sup> 01	18 <sup>00</sup> 00	54 <sup>00</sup> 01	William Adams Esq.
10	75 <sup>00</sup> 28	37 <sup>00</sup> 63	112 <sup>00</sup> 91	Samuel Howard Esq.
11	67 <sup>00</sup> 59	33 <sup>00</sup> 79	101 <sup>00</sup> 38	Joseph C. Hall

\$1000<sup>00</sup> 00 Sum total Carours Expended

Jonathan Peckham Delictman

Henry Spalding } f

Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Peckham Town Clerk













